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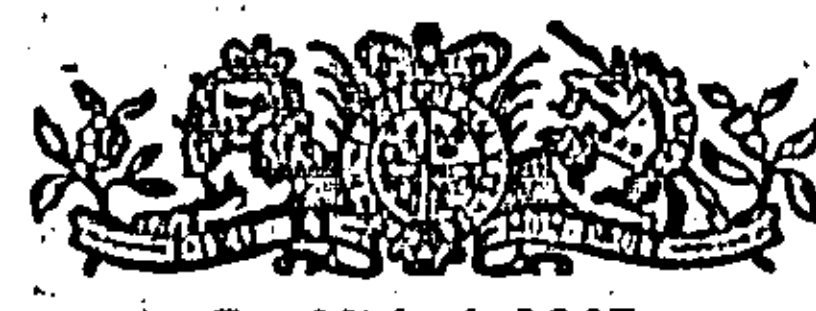
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# Comment of the day

## HMS Success

CALL Hongkong people what you will, but you cannot ignore the fact that he is an unapologetic of the arts, a sort of seedy Midas with a one track mind; call him all this, and it would still have to be admitted that he knows what he wants in the way of entertainment, and when it is given to him, backs it to the hilt. For in simple, plain terms, the performances of "HMS Pinare" were sold out before the curtain went up on opening night at the Lake View Hall, and something of the same thing seems to have happened in Kowloon.

Not only that, but it was obvious that the crowded audiences thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The generous applause, their laughter, their essentially high spirited responses, bore tribute to the efforts of the Hongkong Singers and their leaders.

AND what is more, the performers enjoyed themselves. And who wouldn't, with a crowded hall, and thunders of applause? The audience also enjoyed themselves. Everyone went away happy, and that is as it should be. All the things said about the performances were nice, and there is no post-mortem, to spoil the affair.

Surely the moral of this is to give Hongkong people what they want, and they will back it up. But give them what someone thinks they should have, and they will stay at home.

It might be regrettable that the standard of intelligence here is said by some to be unappreciative of the plays which dive deep and come up muddy, and in which the playwright adopts the attitude of ignorance per ignorance; or in which explanation approaches by lengthy soliloquies.

ON the other hand, perhaps the average resident is not as dumb as our inspired, arty-crafty groups imagine. Maybe he waits until he can hear his Gleigud or Olivier do what only Gleigud or Olivier can do, and catches the amateur blunder, no matter how well meant.

For this must stand out a mile. It is far better to give a performance within the compass of the performer and succeed, than to permit his aspirations to outstrip his abilities.

The performances of the Hongkong Singers are current proof of this. Their success is well merited. Their hard work is rewarded. Their leaders have done well. So to our other amateur dramatic societies, we say: Go and do likewise.

# Haile Selassie prepares to fly home from Brazil COUP D'ETAT IN ADDIS ABABA

## Crown Prince deposes Emperor

Sao Paulo, Dec. 14. Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, reported overthrown by a coup headed by his son, tonight cancelled his entire official schedule here and prepared to leave immediately for home if necessary.

A spokesman for the Emperor said he broke his first official engagement, deciding not to attend a dinner in his honour by the Brazilian-Ethiopian Commercial Institute.

The spokesman said the Emperor's schedule was now cancelled and the Emperor's plan to return home depended on receiving more information on the situation in Ethiopia. He said Haile Selassie had a quiet dinner in his hotel and was ready to leave immediately if the reports so indicated.

### First reaction

The Emperor's first reaction was one of calm and seeming indifference.

Crown Prince Asfa Wossen, 44, eldest son of Emperor Haile Selassie, is heading a new government in Ethiopia, after a coup d'etat today, according to radio reports from the capital, Addis Ababa.

A dark to dawn curfew has been imposed in the city and Parliament suspended indefinitely. The new government reported in a broadcast statement heard in London.

An amateur radio broadcast from Addis Ababa said troops were guarding foreign embassies and machineguns had been set up on public buildings.

### Guaranteed

The coup was engineered by the Imperial Household Guard, according to "preliminary and unconfirmed" reports issued by the American State Department. Tonight's government statement said the Imperial Guard has been dissolved and will become part of the Ethiopian army.

The government guaranteed foreign capital and interests and claimed that "all Ethiopian people are behind us."



The Lion of Judah

No specific mention was made of the 69-year-old Emperor.

Some diplomatic queries in Addis Ababa were brought about by general resentment among young army officers against the Emperor's feudal policies.

A broadcast from Addis Ababa said the new government had taken over with the support of the armed forces, police and "educated youngsters."

The government would end "3,000 years of injustice," the broadcast added.

### Unconfirmed

It came after the American State Department had received "preliminary and unconfirmed reports" from Ethiopia, an ancient empire of 18 million inhabitants, that the Imperial Household Guard there had engineered a coup.

British radio amateurs had earlier picked up messages suggesting that the Crown Prince had been placed under arrest and that the situation in Ethiopia was critical.

Diplomatic quarters in London stressed that the circumstances under which the 44-year-old Crown Prince made today's broadcast were unclear.

The Crown Prince, who is regarded as pro-British, might have been under arrest at the time, they said.

Tonight's broadcast from Addis Ababa was read in English by an announcer who said he was giving the translation of an earlier statement in Amharic, the Ethiopian language, by the Crown Prince.

"The laws and regulations of the country have been abused to deprive the common people of their rights and privileges in order to boost the riches of the favoured few," the broadcast stated.

### Empty promises

The newly-independent African states, progressing day by day, were leaving the people of Ethiopia behind. Empty promises can no longer satisfy the people who want concrete action, aimed at improving the standard of living," the broadcast said.

At Sao Paulo, Brazil, the Emperor's private secretary, Kassa Woldemariam, had earlier told Reuters that reports of trouble in Ethiopia were "malicious rumours."—UPI and Reuters.

## Mourners killed at funeral

Algiers, Dec. 14. French troops opened fire on European demonstrators for the second day running in Bone, eastern Algeria, today, killing two Europeans at the funeral of victims of yesterday's disorders there.

The new casualties were announced in Algiers by an official spokesman who gave no further details of the incident except to say that there were some wounded.

Later the French Delegate-General, Mr. Jean Morin, ordered the dissolution of the anti-Gaullist French Algerian Front throughout Algeria.

The French Algerian Front launched the call for a general strike and demonstrations to greet General de Gaulle's arrival in Algeria which sparked riots and race violence since last Friday which have cost 122 lives—all but eight of them Moslems.

ARREST WARRANTS were out for two FAF leaders in flight.

The FAF claims more than one million members in Algeria, including 400,000 Moslems. But official sources estimate the total as more like 200,000 Europeans and 60,000 Moslems.

Mr. Morin also announced the dissolution of two other "activist" organisations—the High School Student Association throughout Algeria and the Algerian branch of the Nationalist Students Federation.

Twenty-seven judicial inquiries have been opened into attempts on the security of the state and one for wilful murder.—Reuters.

## Cheongsam hits America

New York, Dec. 14. The Hongkong-imported cheongsam is selling better than ever in the United States.

Life magazine reports the cheongsam, a favourite with U.S. tourists and sailors and a long-time import, apparently got its big sales boost because of the styles worn by Nancy Kwan in the film, "The World of Suzie Wong."

U.S. manufacturers, quick to spot a trend, have since adopted the cheongsam style. But while Hongkong ladies apparently are able to maintain dignity with an eight-inch slit in the skirt, the American firms slit their versions only two to three inches.—AP.

## Lords refuse to amend obscenity laws

London, Dec. 14. The British Government tonight refused to consider amending the obscenity laws to ban writings such as D. H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover."

This had been urged in the House of Lords by Lord Teviot, an 80-year-old Scottish peer, who said the book "emanated from a warped mind."

An unexpurgated edition of it went on sale in Britain for the first time last month after a

## MASS EVACUATION OF VIENTIANE Artillery duel over city

Vientiane, Dec. 15. Mass evacuation in Vientiane began this morning following reports that artillery would be turned on Vientiane city.

Along all roads people carrying bundles, bedding, and clothing could be seen tramping out of the city.

Buses and trucks were loaded down with people, suitcases and bedding.

Vientiane hospital reported 15 dead and nearly 100 injured already in two days' street fighting which began mid-day Tuesday.

Phoumi reinforcements were coming into town from the east and the north last night and this morning.

Relief column An artillery duel began after a Phoumi relief column headed by Colonel Sunthone arrived with tanks, and artillery from Pakxane to the east yesterday afternoon.

Phoumi troops fired over the top of Vientiane towards the airport with 105 mm howitzers. Captain Kong Le responded with Russian howitzers, shells falling in rice-fields to the north of the city.

But people evacuating the city said they feared the big guns might be turned against the city itself.

"In Washington, the State Department said today that Soviet allegations of United States interference in the internal affairs of Laos were 'without foundation.'"

Commenting on the charge made in a Soviet newspaper over in Moscow yesterday, the department said it was another instance of the Communists charging others with what they themselves were doing.

The State Department confirmed reports from Laos that the United States now recognized Prince Boun Oum as Premier. The rightist prince is associated with General Phoumi Nosavan, whose forces are at present fighting the leftists for control of the administrative capital of Vientiane.

In London, Mr. Edward Heath, Deputy Foreign Secretary, said today that during the last three months the British Government had tried to secure an agreement between the various Laotian factions which would end the fighting and produce a neutral and independent Laos.

House question He told a questioner in the House of Commons: "Before taking any international action, the co-chairman of the Geneva conference, I should wish to be certain that there was no hope of the Laotians settling the problem on their own."

A Labour member, Mr. Stephen Swingle, had asked Mr. Heath to urge a recall of the Geneva conference on Southeast Asia.—AP & Reuters.

## The Dean in wrong garb again Former envoy pleads guilty to heroin possession

Brisbane, Dec. 14. The Anglican Dean of Brisbane, Dean Baddeley, a former Londoner, who braved criticism by going to the races here in clerical garb last Saturday, was spoken to by a waitress yesterday for buying ice cream clad only in swim trunks.

The Dean and his wife were sunbaking on lawns to an outer Brisbane suburban pool with the Hon. Edward Palmer, a London stock broker and his wife, when he decided to buy ices.

He entered a nearby cafe barefooted and bareheaded. The waitress said: "You know you really are not supposed to be here in bathing trunks."

The Dean, telling the story today, said he replied: "Oh my goodness, I am terribly sorry."

The Dean said a bystander said: "Do you know this is the Dean of Brisbane?"

He said the waitress replied: "Oh, yes. The Dean is the most publicised man in Brisbane."

China Mail Special.

New York, Dec. 14. Maurice Rosal, former Guatemalan Ambassador to Belgium and the Netherlands, entered a surprise plea of guilty here today in the Federal Court to charges of conspiring to transport and possess 110 lbs of pure heroin valued at more than \$20 million on the illicit narcotics market.

A co-defendant, Nicholas Calamari, 47, of New York City, also pleaded guilty before Judge Archie Dawson. Both had been scheduled to stand trial.

The pleas came one day after guilty pleas by two other defendants, Elmer Tardiff, 55-year-old French citizen with an electronics business in Paris, and Charles Bourbonnais, 30, of New York.—AP.

London, Dec. 15. Vivian Van Dam, originator of the nonstop girl revue which cheered wartime London, with his motto "We never close," died after a long illness last night.

Mr. Van Dam, 71, had been associated with London's Windmill Theatre for 28 years. The theatre goes in for refined sketches and broad comedy.—AP.

## Cross-harbour report expected early 1961

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

The report of the joint consulting engineers investigating the possibility of a harbour bridge or an alternative link between Hongkong and Kowloon, is expected to be released publicly early next year.

Mr. K. B. Allport, Director of Victoria City Development Co. Ltd., sponsors of the bridge plan, told the China Mail this morning that the report would be an exhaustive study into every aspect of a cross-harbour link.

The consulting engineers are the British firms of Scott, Wilson, Kirkpatrick and Farquhar, and Freeman, Fox and Partners.

Mr. Allport said that under the engineers' terms of reference investigations were not restricted to a bridge but "improved methods of cross-harbour communication."

Their first task, said Mr. Allport, was to find the type of strata under the harbour and how deep it was below the surface.

To determine this, it was necessary to carry out borings as well as a geophysical survey of the harbour which gave results as to the depth from the surface to bed rock, which would enable the engineers to decide upon the design of the foundations.

Traffic experts In addition, the engineers engaged the Road Research Laboratory, which is a section of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in London, who are experts in traffic engineering.

The Laboratory carried out an exhaustive survey in Hongkong which is reported to have been the most exhaustive survey ever carried out in the British Commonwealth.

"This was to get some idea of the traffic volume—both vehicle and pedestrian—throughout the Colony and to provide figures for the estimated traffic load expected to be carried on a bridge or other form of crossing, in addition to the potential growth over a period of years."

The Laboratory also had to arrive at other basic data which would enable the engineers to decide upon the size of the bridge or tunnel, the most suitable location, how many lanes there should be, the number of toll booths and the parking areas required for this traffic.

"This survey also gives information of the size of link roads for traffic approaching or

going away from the bridge, and other traffic information."

"They had to investigate the requirements of people such as airways, shipping firms, the military and the utilities. All this required close co-ordination between the engineers and the various Government departments concerned with planning and other related matters."

"The report will contain all the relative information as to cost, income and other factors concerned with a scheme of this nature."

"On its receipt, it will be considered by the sponsors who, if satisfied that a scheme can be implemented economically, will submit their report to Government for consideration."

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# GREAT MENACE TO WEST

## 'Jane's' tells of colossal Russian submarine threat

London, Dec. 15.

Warning of the great enemy submarine threat to Allied countries in the event of war is given here today in the new issue of the famous British publication "Jane's Fighting Ships."

The damage that could be inflicted on Allied countries "baffles the imagination" says a foreword to the book.

Even today, it stresses, the potential enemy submarine menace is colossal.

One of the major problems that the navies in Nato have to face, is how best to be ready for the day when they may be opposed by great numbers of nuclear-powered submarines, it adds.

If war broke out Allied navies might be threatened by 450 to 500 submarines, and the foreword recalls, little more than a fifth of this total was enough to bring the United Kingdom to the brink of starvation at the height of the 1939-45 war.

### NOT SUFFICIENT

Nato countries had all built a certain number of anti-submarine vessels since the end of the last war and also had a reserve of modernised warships, destroyers and frigates. But the total number of all the anti-submarine vessels would not be sufficient to meet the threat.

The foreword suggests it is not generally appreciated that the USSR not only has more submarines than all other countries put together but also more destroyers and frigates since the end of the war than all other nations together—although not many of them are as big or of such high quality as some of the British and American ships of that category.

Commenting on doubts in some quarters that the Soviet navy has operational nuclear-powered submarines, the foreword says "this ostrich-like attitude can hardly be reconciled with the success which attended the building and operation of the Soviet nuclear-powered ice-breaker Lenin."

### WISHFUL THINKING

From this Soviet naval architect, marine engineers and nuclear physicists must have gained the required technical and scientific data for application to submarines.

It also suggests it is "wishful thinking" to deny existence of Soviet submarines capable of firing guided missiles.

"What is more open to doubt is whether they can be fired submerged and whether they have a range equal to that of the Polaris projectile."

"But it would be unwise to assume, especially in view of Soviet success in aerial rocketry, that the USSR is any less capable than other nations in the field of hydrodynamic rocketry."

"Jane's Fighting Ships" gives details in its new issue of about 10,000 warships in the navies of 75 countries.

There are more than 2,500 photographs and scale drawings.—Reuter.

## Missing plane located

Melbourne, Dec. 14. The Dakota aircraft which disappeared on Friday in one of the worst blizzards over to hit the Australian Antarctic research station at Mawson, has been located.

A message received from Mawson by the Assistant Director of the Antarctic division of the External Affairs Department, Mr D. F. Styles, said the plane had been found eight miles west of the base.

### ICE CLIFF

The blizzard carried it to the top of an ice cliff 350 feet above the sea ice, Mr Styles said.

He added that the message said valuable equipment was being salvaged but it was unlikely that the aircraft could be moved until next May when the sea ice became stronger.—China Mail Special.

## Protest over stamp is rejected

Washington, Dec. 14. The US government today rejected a Czechoslovak note announcing that Czech authorities refused to handle mail from the US bearing the "Thomas Masaryk" postage stamp. The US had issued a postage stamp portraying the image of the late Czech patriot and president Thomas Masaryk. In reply to the Czech note, the United States said Masaryk was not only a "great humanitarian but also the president-liberator of his country."

The fact that Czechoslovakia considered as a hostile act a tribute paid to the Czech patriot "is beyond comprehension," the American note added.—APF.

## Third French A-bomb explosion expected momentarily

Paris, Dec. 14.

The explosion of France's third atomic bomb was reported today to be near.

Mr Nicolas Viehney, scientific correspondent of the usually well-informed newspaper Le Monde, wrote that the test explosion "must be considered as very close."

He said that all the scientists and technicians involved in the operation were at their posts awaiting the signal to go ahead from the French Government.

### PLACE SECRET

Once permission had been given for the firing it would be up to the scientists to decide the exact moment in the light of local weather conditions.

Mr Viehney said that the exact place of the explosion was being kept secret but it was probable that it would be "somewhere in the Sahara" not very far from the Reggan atomic research and testing grounds, where the first two French atomic devices were exploded on February 13 and April 1 this year.

He forecast that the bomb, like the earlier two, would be exploded from a tower above ground, and would be followed "fairly soon" by the test of an aerial bomb.

There have been persistent press reports during the last few weeks that a third French nuclear device would shortly be tested. Official sources have maintained a discreet silence.—Reuter.

## Russian apology to Finland

Helsinki, Dec. 14. The Soviet Union today apologized in a note to Finland for the violation of the Finnish frontier last Saturday by a Soviet aircraft, the Finnish Foreign Ministry announced today.

Because of bad weather conditions, a Soviet aircraft inadvertently crossed the frontier and made forced landing on a frozen lake in northeast Finland, the note said.—Reuter.

## New vehicles

Frankfurt, Dec. 14. West German exports of new vehicles in November were 91,167, the Association of West German Motor Manufacturers announced today.

This was six per cent more than October, 1960 and 18.9 more than in November last year. In the first 11 months of this year exports totalled 887,351 units, an increase of 13.2 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.—China Mail Special.

## Girl Guide asphyxiated with violence

Aldershot, Dec. 14. Twelve-year-old Girl Guide Brenda Nash, found murdered in a country ditch after being "missing" from home for 46 days, died of "asphyxiation with violence," an inquest jury was told here today.

Dr Keith Simpson, Home Office pathologist, gave this evidence at the inquest into Brenda's death. He said that a post mortem was still being con-

## Girl escapes in car belonging to kidnappers

New York, Dec. 14. Hazel Irene Oelrich, daughter of a small-town banker in Sultan, Washington, who was kidnapped today for a \$25,000 ransom, has escaped and telephoned her parents.

The 17-year-old girl phoned her parents to say she had slipped away from the kidnappers and taken flight in their car.

The father, George Oelrich, director of a bank in the town of Sultan, warned police who immediately began combing the roads for the car.—APF.

## Tried to sell secret documents

Berne, Dec. 14. The Swiss War Ministry has announced the arrest of an inventor who tried to sell stolen secret military documents.

The Ministry said that Alois Dittli, 68, a former employee of the Swiss War Ministry, illegally kept the secret material when he was retired in 1937.

## Soviet motion rejected

United Nations, Dec. 14. The General Assembly today rejected a Russian declaration demanding "immediate independence for the world's remaining 'colonial' people."

The main part of the resolution, containing a call for the elimination of all foreign bases, was rejected 35 to 32 with 30 abstentions. The resolution as a whole was rejected 43 to 25 with 29 abstentions.—UPI.

## U.S. may reduce some military units overseas

Washington, Dec. 14.

Mr Thomas Gates, the Secretary of Defence, in an order to the U.S. military departments and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made known today, has asked for a study of all military activities overseas which could be "eliminated, consolidated, reduced or transferred to the United States."

The Defence Secretary acted for reports by January 9 in accordance with President Eisenhower's directive of November 17 calling on all government departments to try to reduce dollar expenditures abroad and thus slow down the outflow of gold.

His order raised the possibility that the United States government would reduce the number and size of some military installations, headquarters and support units overseas.

In calling for reports by January 9, Mr Gates also instructed the military services and the joint chiefs to submit further monthly reports until April.

### ADVANTAGES

Defence Department officials said Mr Gates's reference to "units" referred to support activities and did not cover any redeployment of fighting units.

His order, signed on December 10, called for studies of "all military headquarters, bases, posts, units, military schools, recreation centres, welfare, community support and other such activities."

It also included instructions to the services to review their requirements for "all properties and installations" in foreign countries.

Mr Gates said the review should include the study of ad-

vantages to the United States which might be gained by the cancellation of new construction, the closing down of installations and the end of outstanding leases.—Reuter.

## Dutch New Guinea question

The Hague, Dec. 14. The Dutch Prime Minister, Professor Jan De Quay, told the Upper House of Parliament today that "under certain conditions Holland would agree to a United Nations committee visiting Dutch New Guinea."

The Prime Minister said the task of such a committee should be to investigate the actual situation in Dutch New Guinea. He said the right of self-determination of the Papuan population continued to be the guiding principle of Holland's policy. Transferring sovereignty to Indonesia would imply that the natives did not have this right, he added.—Reuter.

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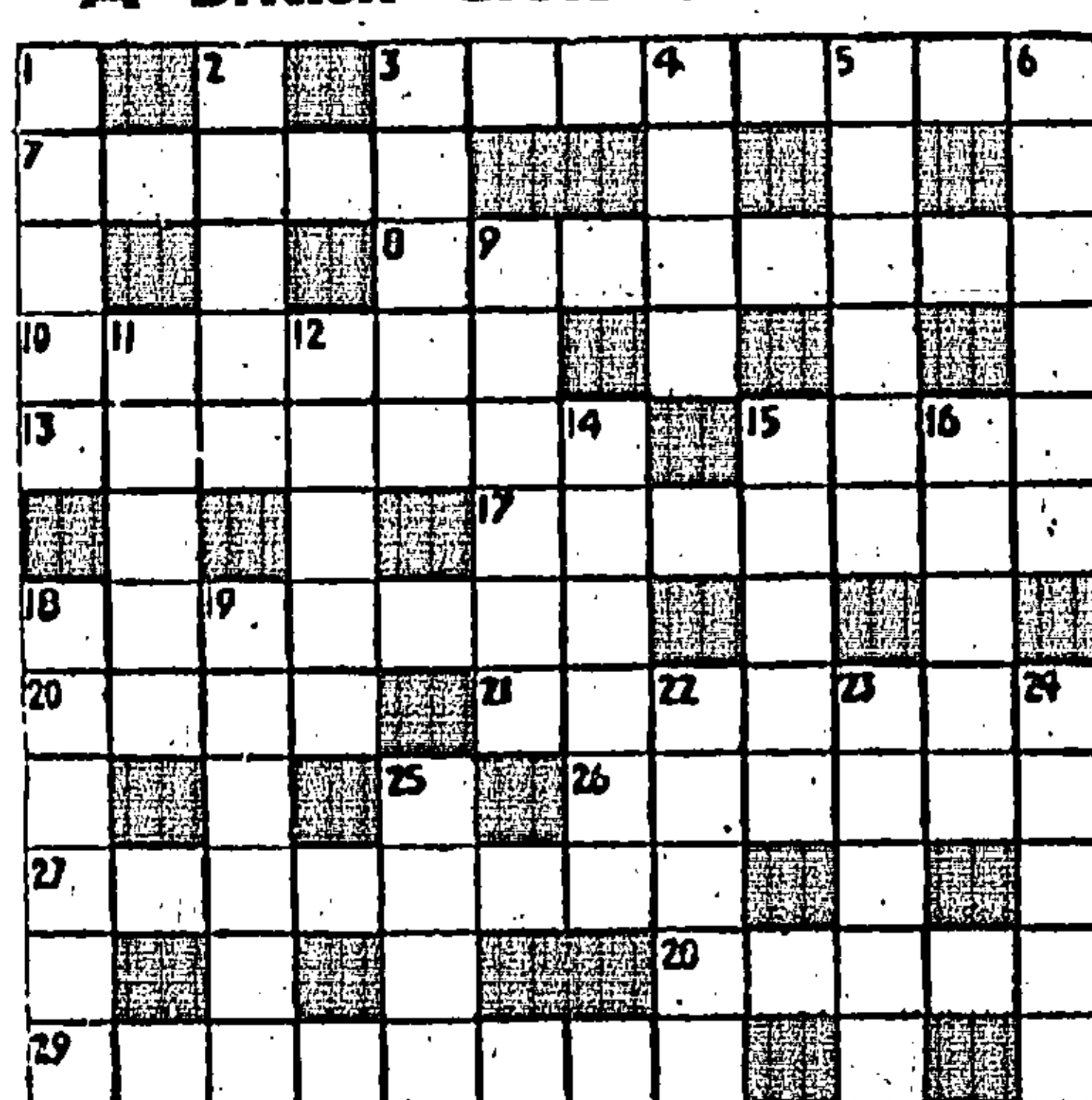
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  - Degrees in the post (7).
  - Popular songs (7).
  - Existed once (4).
  - Brought low (7).
  - Play-put (6).
  - Chew it over (8).
  - Second performance? (5).
  - Such affection is platonic (8).
- DOWN**
- Assembly rooms (5).
  - The best place! (5).
  - Where to stop for a drink (5).
  - Two-in-one fruit? (4).
  - Country seat (8).
  - Strikes on the eye? (6).
  - Repaired by a snob (6).
  - Spine-chilling (5).
  - Condition (5).
  - Leave in the wilderness? (6).
  - Hook he upheld? (5).
  - Did one's best (5).
  - The little people! (6).
  - Hobbes on foot (6).
  - Drunkard (6).
  - Sold after (6).
  - Bow to another's authority (5).
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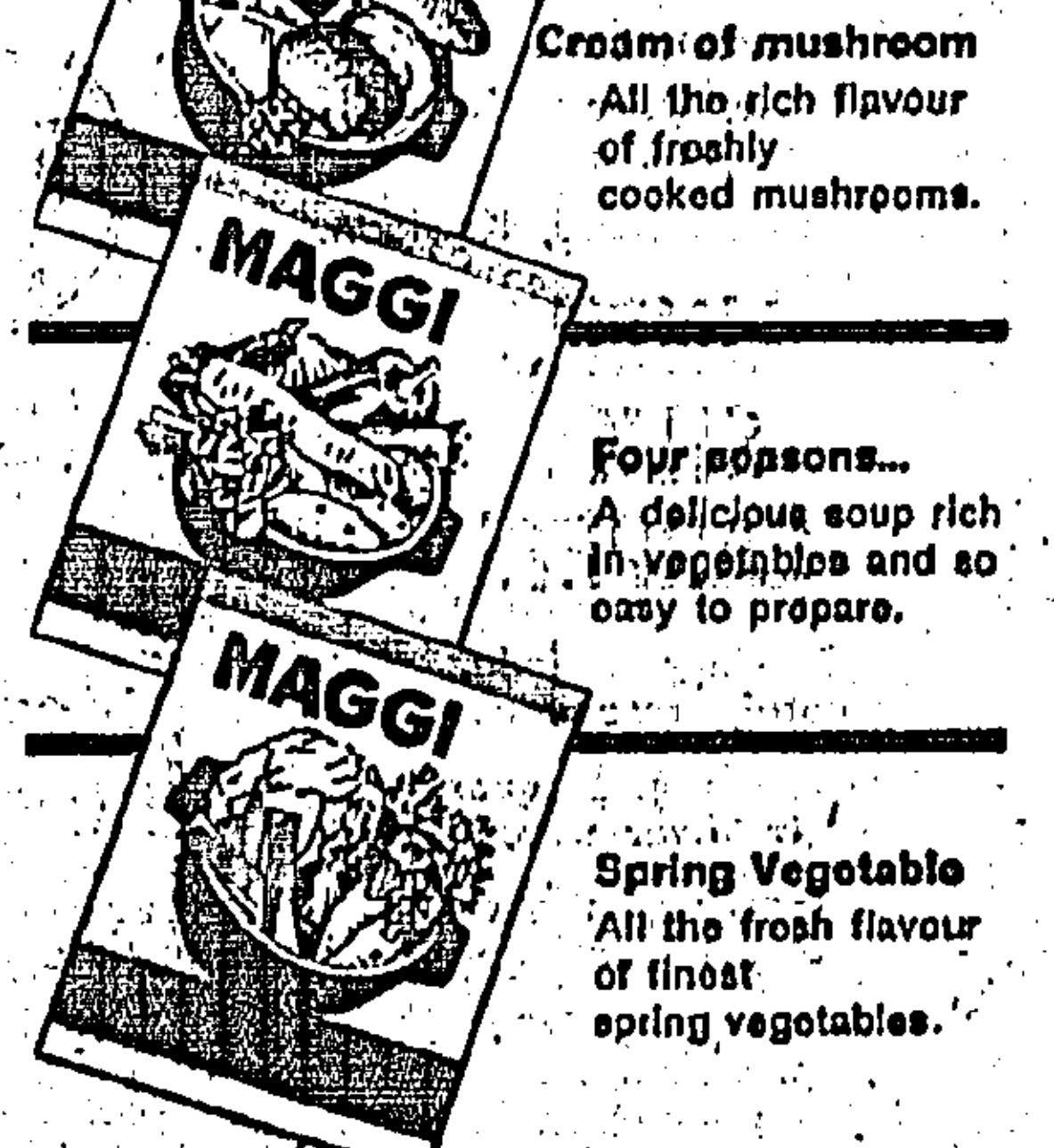


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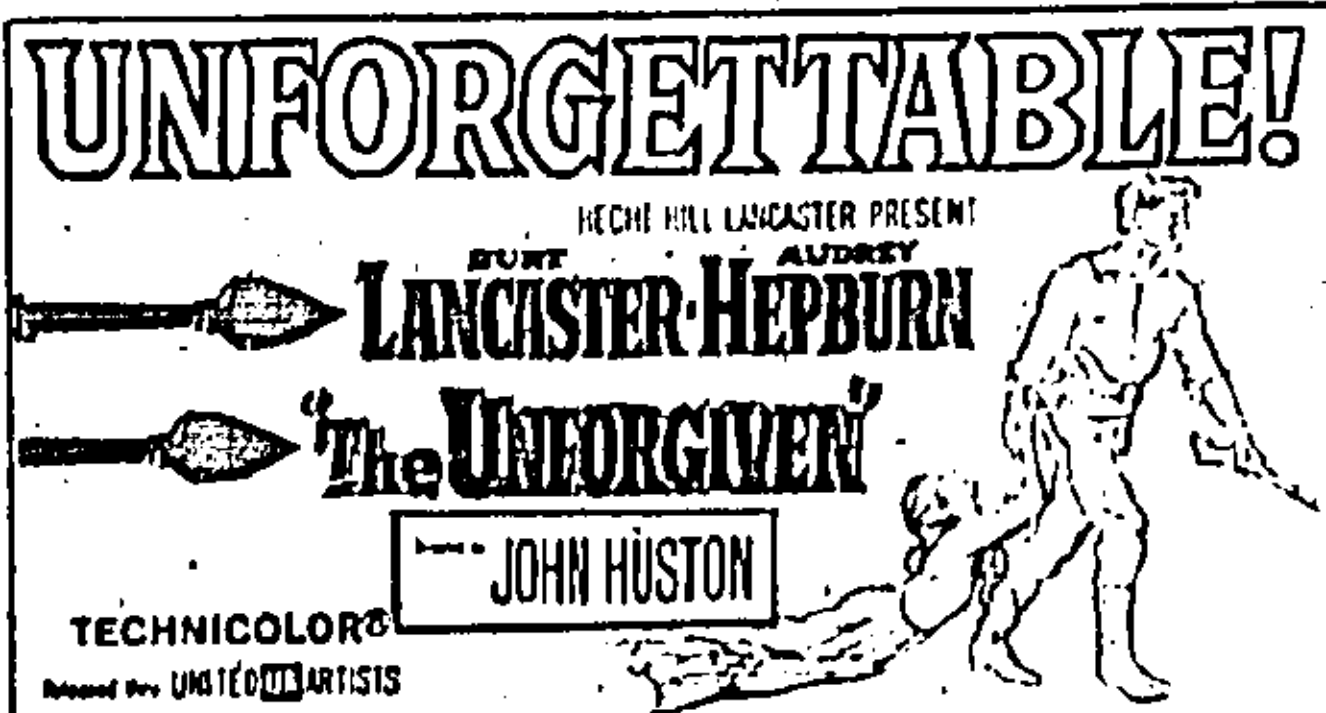
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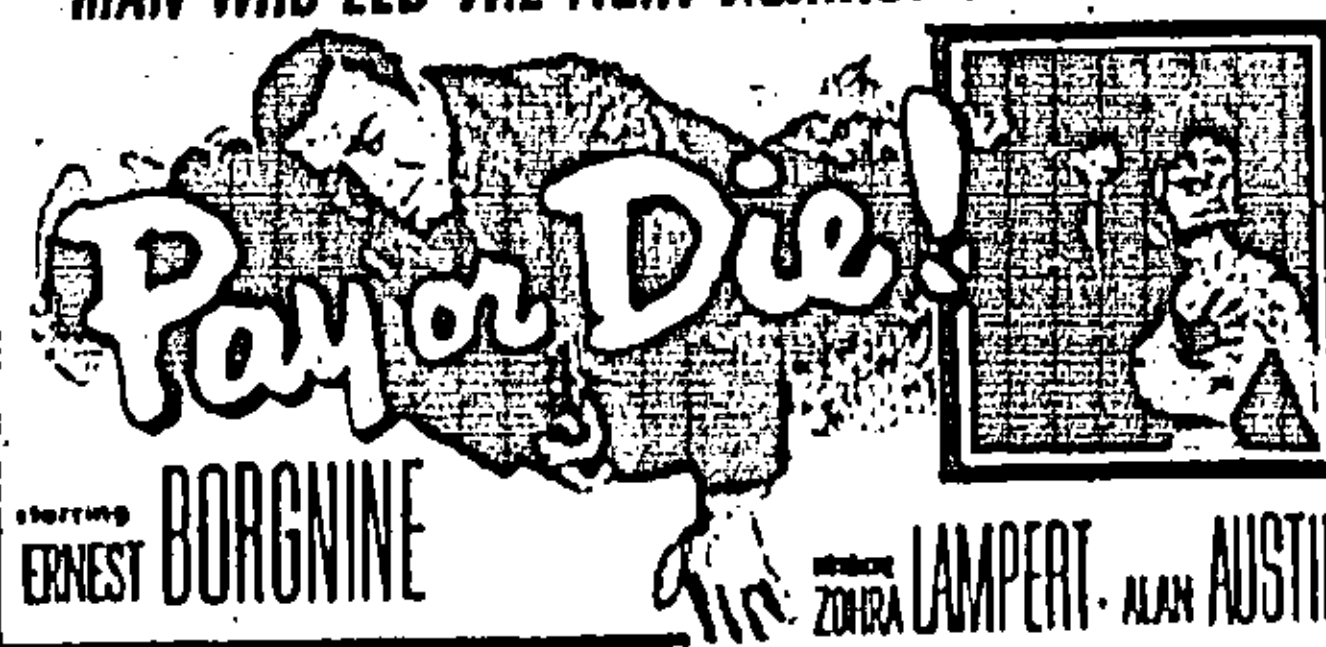
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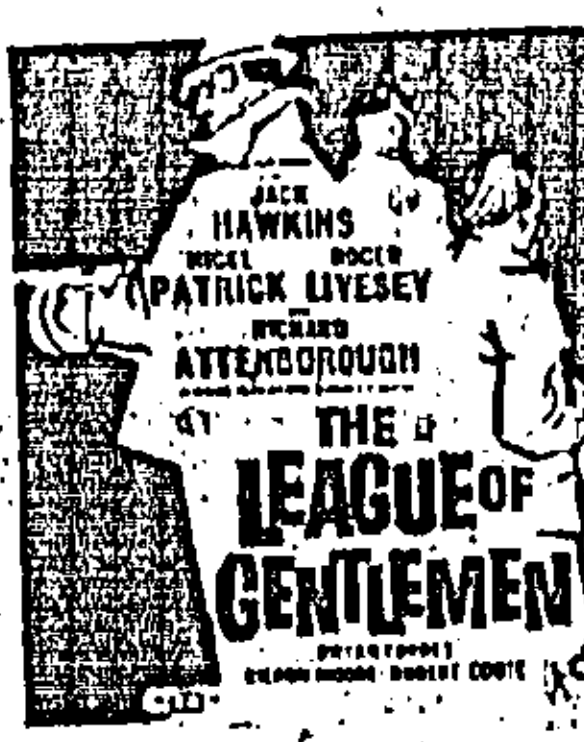
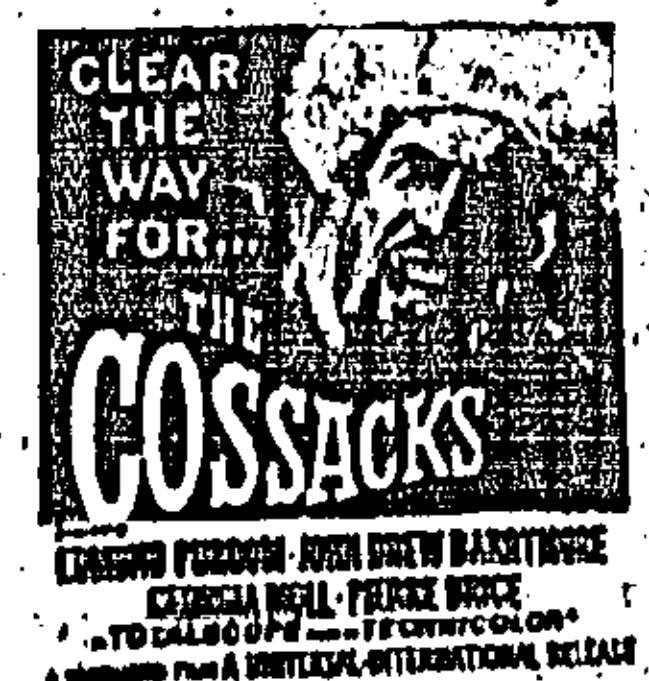
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AUSTRALIA**Melbourne, Dec. 14.  
A Chinese woman, told by the Australian Immigration Department that she must leave Australia by February 12, 1961 according to the Melbourne Herald, said today she is a British subject with a British passport.

She is Calcutta-born Miss Rosalie Ashing, 34, who is living with her sister Mrs. P. M. Welsford, wife of an Australian, in a Melbourne suburb.

Miss Ashing came to Melbourne from Calcutta 18 months ago on a six months tourist visa.

She told the Herald she likes Melbourne so much she wanted to stay. Twice she was granted six months visa extensions, but the Immigration Department has refused any more.

Miss Ashing said she would probably return to Calcutta—China Mail Special.

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BOYCOTT OF  
RUGBY TEAM**

Dublin, Dec. 14.

Attempts are being made in Dublin to prevent the President of Ireland, Eamon De Valera, from attending the Rugby game between South Africa and Ireland at Lansdowne-road, Dublin on Saturday next.

The two man Political party in the Dail composed of Dr Noel Browne, one-time Elre Health Minister, and John McQuillan, who describe themselves as Progressive Democrats, sent a telegram to day to the President asking him not to go.

By staying away the telegram said the President would express his personal abhorrence and that of the Irish people for the unchristian policy of racial discrimination practised by the Springboks, the South African team.

**NOT RESPONSIBLE**

The Progressive Democrats attempted to raise the subject in the Dail tonight but were informed that the Premier and Government had no responsibility for the President's engagements.

Arrangements are being made to place a picket outside the ground before the game. The Irish Labour Party, always strong opponents of apartheid, decided today that a sporting fixture was not the place to make a political protest.—AFP.

**Farthing  
market  
booms**Bury St Edmunds, Dec. 14.  
United States servicemen stationed in Eastern England are buying up sacksful of farthings, British's smallest coin which are to be withdrawn from circulation on January first.

"Many of our boys are keen businessmen," a U.S. Air Force spokesman explained after one airman bought 9,600 farthings, £10 worth, at a bank here.

"Your farthings will have a scarcity value back home after they are withdrawn from circulation."

The face value of a farthing is one quarter of a penny sterling.—China Mail Special.

**New  
jewel  
house**London, Dec. 14.  
A scheme for a new jewel house to house the crown jewels in the Tower of London has been agreed in outline by the various authorities concerned.

Mr R. H. M. Thompson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works, told the House of Commons that the details were still being worked out and he hoped funds would be available to allow work to start within two or three years.

He added that 800,228 people paid to see the crown jewels last year.

The present accommodation for the jewels in the Wakefield Tower has been considered for some time to be inadequate and cramped.

There have been many complaints about visitors having to queue outside, often in bad weather.—China Mail Special.

**BY LAND  
SEA  
OR AIR**London, Dec. 15.  
Helicopters, dog-drawn sleighs, simulated space rockets, gliders, fire engines, donkeys, planes and boats will all be used by Royal Air Force Father Christmas to arrive at parties to be held at bases in Britain later this month, the Air Ministry said.

RAF men will be hosts to over 20,000 children including thousands from orphanages and homes—at Christmas time. In addition, they will give gifts ranging from toys for children to sacks of coal for the elderly and the infirm to help invalids, cripples, and under-privileged children have a better Christmas.

The Air Ministry said helicopters were the most popular form of transport for RAF Father Christmas and would be used at more than half the 20 parties already scheduled.

At one party, Father Christmas will arrive on a sleigh drawn by a RAF police dog.—China Mail Special.

**Swiss engineer  
visits  
Taikoo Docks**

Mr. W. J. Wurgler, chief engineer of a large Swiss engineering firm, left here today by Swissair for Bangkok after paying a visit to officials of Taikoo Docks.

The local dockyard and engineering firm hold a licence to manufacture machinery presented by Mr Wurgler's firm. Mr Wurgler, chief engineer of Sulzer Brothers Ltd. of Winterthur, Switzerland, had been in the Colony for the past three days in the course of a Far East tour.

Prior to coming to Hongkong, he had spent two-and-a-half months in Japan visiting a number of his company's licensees. During his tour he supervised the construction and trials of a 20,000 hp marine diesel engine built under licence.

**Britain expresses  
serious concern**London, Dec. 14.  
Britain has expressed "serious concern" about an order of the United States Federal Maritime Board, Mr Ernest Marples, Minister of Transport, said today.

This, he told the House of Commons requires shipping companies to file with them commercial information, some of which would relate to business arrangements made outside the United States. He added that the government pointed out to the United States that such demands "would be likely to lead to conflicts of jurisdiction and to frustrate the free operation of international shipping."—Reuter.

**Married  
at last****Durante  
ends  
14-year  
engagement**New York, Dec. 14.  
Comedian Jimmy Durante, 67, and Margaret Little, 40, his girlfriend of 16 years, were married here today.

Durante looked tense and his usual wisecracks were absent while he waited about 15 minutes for his bride to arrive at the "actor's chapel" of St Malachy Roman Catholic Church in the Broadway theatre district.

He was silent during the ceremony and there were traces of tears in his eyes when he came out.

But then he broke into a familiar wide grin.

The bride, a red-haired former showgirl, started going out with the big-nosed comedian in 1944, the year after the death of his first wife, Jeanne Olsen.

They announced their engagement in 1946.

It was the first marriage for Miss Little.

The couple had planned a quiet wedding and Durante confessed a few days ago: "This is making a nervous wreck out of me."—Reuter.

**Fatal road  
accidents**

Two people died from injuries sustained in separate traffic accidents yesterday.

A 17-year-old boy sustained fatal injuries when he was knocked down by a private car at Choi Hung-road, at the junction of Clear Water Bay-road, at about 10.40 pm yesterday. The boy, Chung Hau-chiu, of 63rd Lane, Diamond Hill, was taken to Kowloon Hospital but died shortly after admission.

Cheng Wing-chong, 30, of 103, F Block, Ho Pui-street, ground floor, was fatally injured when the bicycle on which he was riding collided with a lorry at Chung On-street, at about 11.30 am yesterday.

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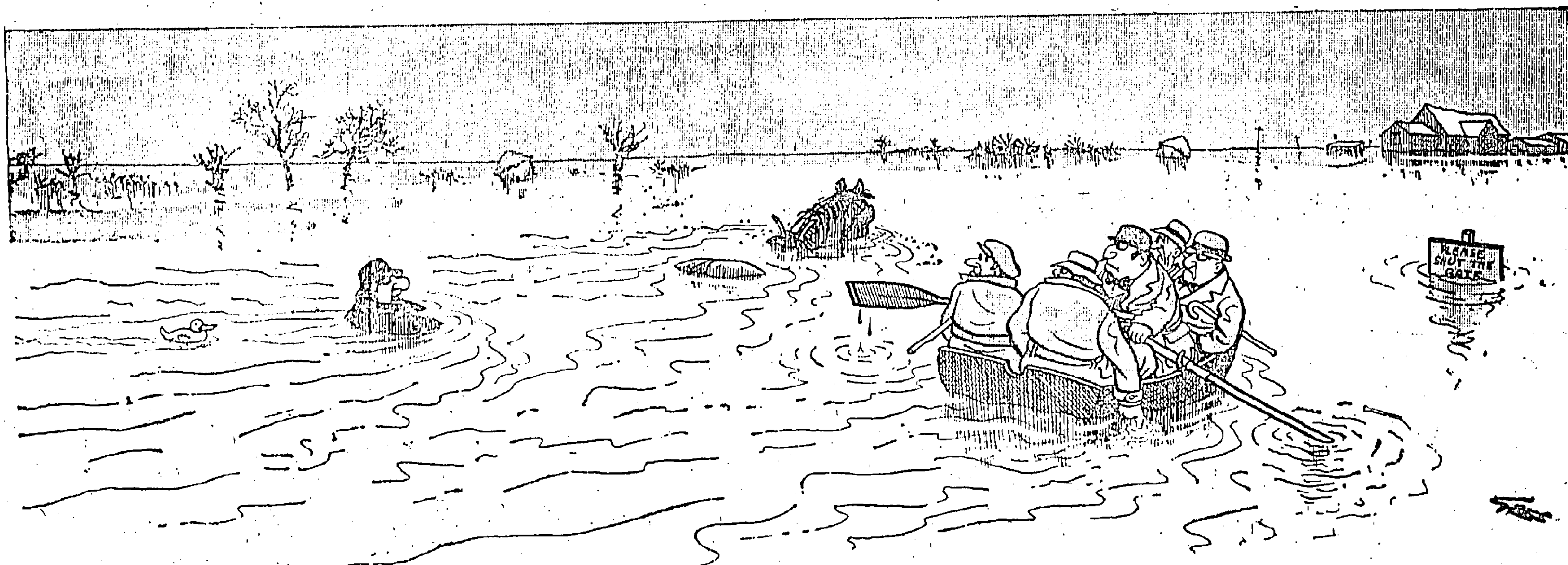
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# THE FLOODS... by Giles



"Count me out for the Smithfield, lads. I want to finish my ploughing."

## Britain is best for Ghosts... for the ethereal Yuletide spirit

by J. W. TAYLOR

BRITAIN'S old country mansions, houses and ancient castles seemingly abounding with supernatural manifestations of such variety and number as to make Britain the most ghost-infested country in the world—if all the claims are to be believed.

Some surprising facts emerged from the last ghost census, compiled from hundreds of carefully documented stories of ethereal phenomena giving what was claimed as "a rough cross-section of our phantom population." One was that "the ghost density" was more or less even throughout the country, but that the county of SUSSEX was seemingly the most ghost-ridden.

It also emerged that about 20 per cent of all ghosts are seen at daylight and 30 per cent at moonlight. Of the apparitions themselves, 60 per cent appear to be over 40 (by human standards), 5 per cent are children, and two per cent are dogs. More over, it was indicated that only 15 per cent of the phantoms are transparent, and that half of Britain's ghosts disappear through walls or into the ground, whilst the other half seemed to vanish into thin air.

There appears to be quite a sprinkling of ghosts of the blue blood.

And it should appear that all the Royal families have seen these things. The name of phantom, Wunder Castle, heading the list with a total of 23 ghosts. It is said that the phantom form of George III still wanders the lessor through its tapestried ground, whilst the other half seemed to vanish into thin air.

### Glamis Castle

It is claimed that several members of Royalty have seen the ghost of the prin of Glamis Castle at Angus. The famous White Lady, reputed to be a spirit of a noblewoman who died in the castle, is said to be seen in the main avenue of the castle. Documents do not indicate whether she has met the late Queen Mother, the late Queen Elizabeth, or the late Queen Victoria. It is said that a former Archbishop of York's wife, who was a frequent visitor to Glamis, was staying in another Scottish house when she died. The ghost of the late Queen Victoria is said to be seen in the main avenue of the castle.

white beard sitting by the fire. His face was that of a dead man. And that very night a daughter of Lord Castleton was occupying the Blue Room. She awoke suddenly to see the very bearded spectre of the other lady's dream.

### Drury Lane

Producers of shows at Drury Lane Theatre would welcome the appearance during the run of "The Lane's" famous ghost—quiet, courtly and well-behaved figure in powdered wig of the 1700's, a three-cornered hat and a sword by his side, striding in high riding boots from one side of the theatre's promenade to the other before finally vanishing through the wall. The gentleman has never manifested himself when a stage picture has been indicated, but his appearance just before or during a production is said to portend a successful run.

## BUT, SERIOUSLY...

by Donald Cameron

### YOU CAN'T BLOW RASPBERRIES AT A RIVER

IN the mud on the parlour windowsill, an eight-year-old girl gleefully traced her name—Sandra Parr. She ran into the front room and prodded a sodden picnno, its soaked innards bursting out. "We couldn't get it upstairs: the steps are too narrow," said Mrs Florence Parr. "And somehow it didn't seem worth the trouble."

This was one home in one of the towns in the water-surge in Mrs Parr's down-stairs room. The family sat upstairs, eating a cold joint of lamb and bread and butter and looking out of the window at bales, planks and debris rushing at express speed down the Exe.

And listening to the dreadful slopping, sloshing, underlining water in the downstairs rooms. Further down the street, still awash with muddy water, 11-year-old Keith Carter said importantly: "My cat was nearly drowned. I kept going to the bathroom window and shouting to him and I could hear him miaowing in the garden shed. The water was nearly up to the roof of the shed, you know."

### Desolation

"We were scared," said Mrs Parr. "This house is 140 years old. We thought it might collapse. And we only had six little bits of candle to see the night through."

Sandra and her sister Kathleen, Sandra, a tall, black-eyed mongrel called Judy catnapped in one room among the furniture. Recently they ventured downstairs to see the new wall-paper peeling in the parlour. And the utter desolation of the rest of their home.

"There's nothing to do, nothing," said Mrs Parr. "It's a lifetime's work gone. We shall just have to leave and go somewhere else."

Now the flood-level shows like the tide mark in a dirty bath, a brown line above the mantelpiece, below the big mirror on the wall. Along the street Salvation Army girls served tea. Like the blitz, people say. Without the to-hell-with-Hitler cheerfulness. You can't blow raspberries at anything so unearring as a river. And now the excitement and the rescues are over, only despair is left. Hosing waterlogged chocolate boxes out of his grocery and sweet shop, 30-year-old Geoffrey Blackwood said "It wasn't so

bad this time—only about £200 of stock gone west. Last flood it was about £500 worth." "Yes," said coalman Joseph Sudall. "I've lost everything, everything, everything." He is 61, and the loss has left him numb, apathetic. His four-room, ground-level flat was an incredible, irreparable shambles. The walls were like sponges, the accumulated papers of generations peeling and swelling.

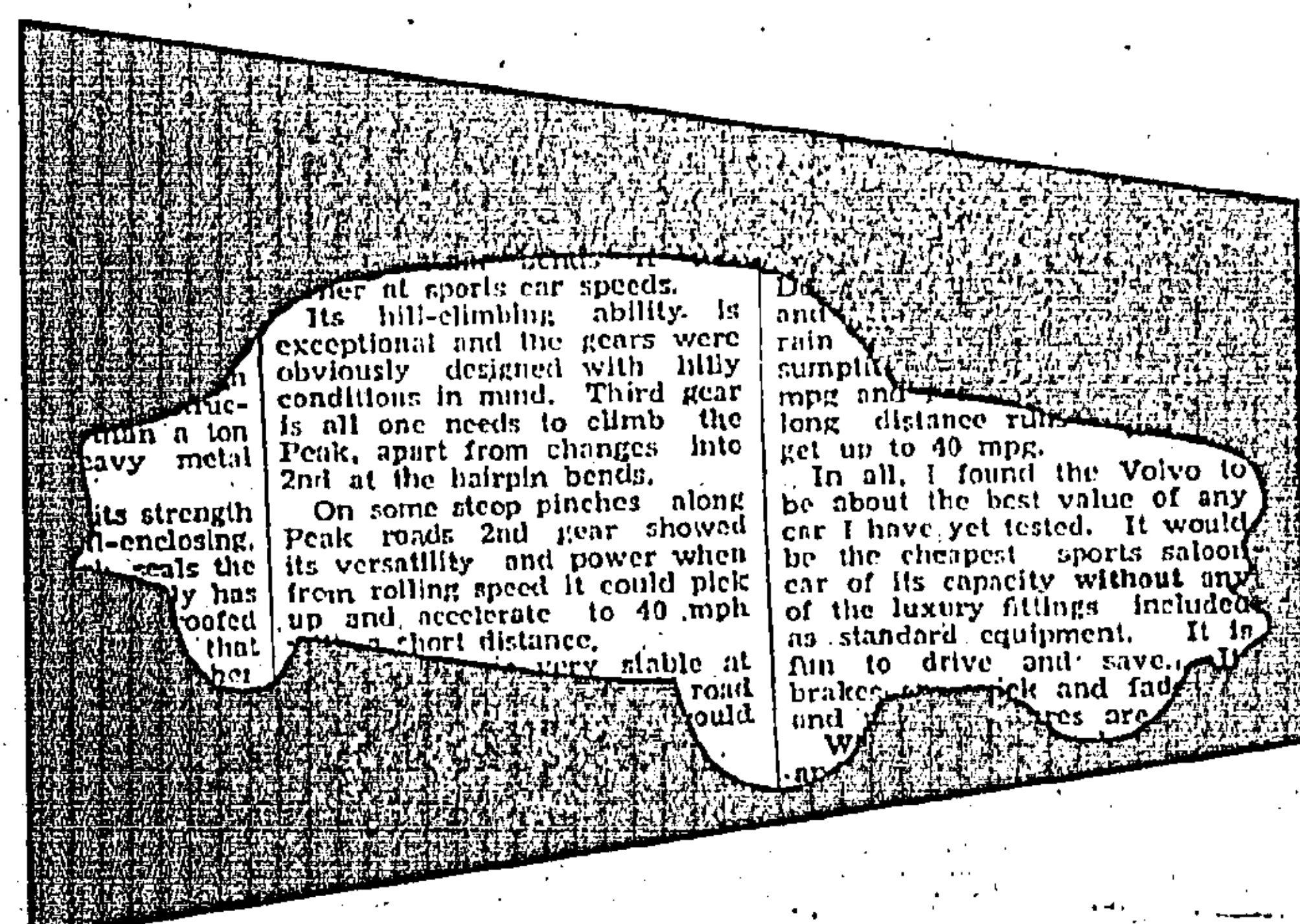
### Aftermath

He picked over a smashed wicker basket with a doll inside, bought in 1914; a casket of trinkets; medal ribbons blurred by water. "These things are quite valuable—more valuable than you think," he said half to himself.

There are such sodden valuables in the rest of Okhampton-street. And in houses in Cardiff and Taunton, Tiverton and Hereford, all over England and Wales. The aftermath of a night when the little, tame, tabby cat rivers went wild.

## That beautiful car

from Sweden



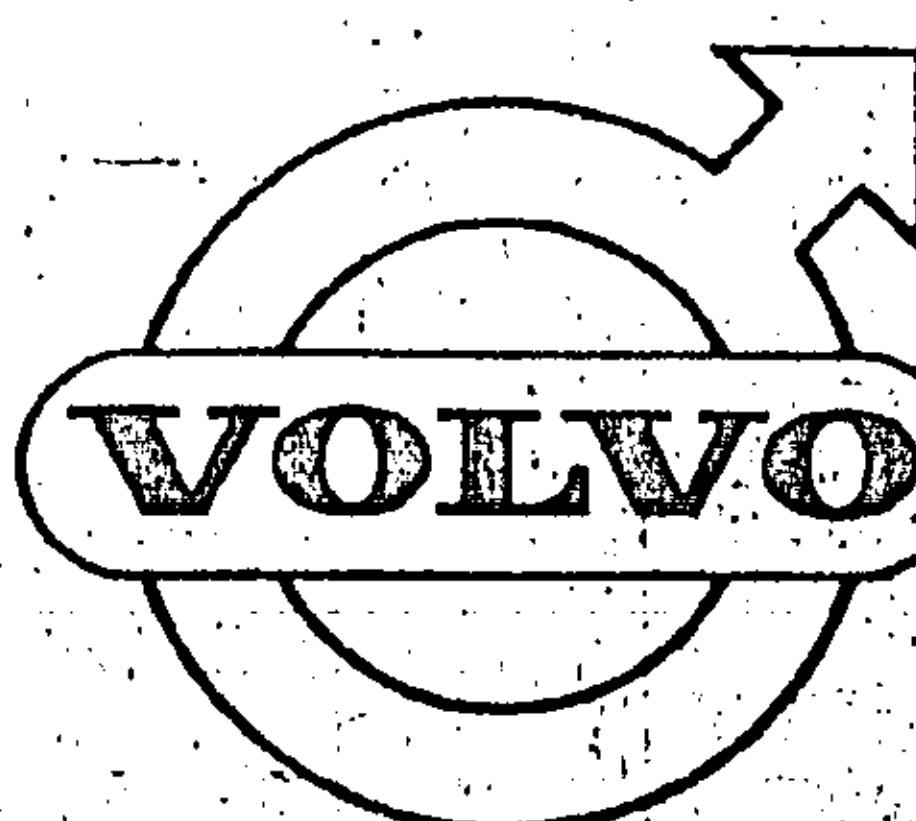
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## Markova, middle age and men

A LICIA MARKOVA waited for me to stop feeling like a courtesan in fairyland. She helped by opening a door to let in a large white-jowled tabby cat called Moe.

After Moe, I noticed other signs of normality. Like little mounds of chocolate scattered hospitably around, and untidy heaps of parcels and papers, looking as if they had been dropped on the collection I keep under my bed.

### Nuisance

Meeting Alicia Markova, of course, meeting a legend of the ballet. But she is also a woman who is very much alive.

Somewhat it is unnecessary and rather unfair for her to have to acknowledge her old age. And it is utterly bewildering to look at her and think of middle-age.

Markova is a person of frightening fragility. Scrawny, enormously brown-eyed, warmly charming, she seems to hover, delicately poised, over a chair. She does not sit in it. At first sight, her home shares her own unruly. The tiny furniture, the exquisite

white china swan, the Chalon ballet lithographs, the misty grey-green colours, the paperily pink flower arrangements, are like the possessions of a Titania.

When she talks about being 60, she is talking about a minor nuisance that she is mature enough to cope with. "I can't quite realise it," she said gently. "I feel just the same as I did before."

"But then I never think about things and analyse them. I just want to live and be."

### Hobgoblins

As though she was referring to a kind of hobgoblin who lives outside a wood, she said: "My doctors tell me I should rest and take things more easily. But I want to go on dancing."

"There is always something I want to accomplish next. I can't imagine myself without that, need But there. Perhaps they are right. Perhaps I should at least think about some sort of retirement."

Traditionally a ballerina is a sad and solitary woman. Her tragedy is in her total dedication which must exclude life away from the fantasy and physical exhaustion of the ballet.

Many ballerinas, on their retirement, have suddenly found themselves regretting the loss of lives they might have had.

Markova has no such regrets. "I don't pigeon-hole things. I just want my life to flow along," she said.

"I realise how narrowly my life could be channelled and I fight against it. I read anything. I love talking to people, just to look into their lives. I go out and look at things—I watch and think and take the outside life into myself."

"I am happy with my life, and happiest of all with harmony in my life. I like everything to go right. Even a simple thing like catching a train. I want the process to go smoothly. I work at making myself a harmonious life."

Markova has often admitted she is sorry she never married. It is not surprising that a great ballerina has to deny her-

self a home and children. But to Markova the problem is not as simple as that. "It is not merely that I am a ballerina," said Markova. "I am a woman in a profession—and any woman, in any profession, has a problem with her relationship with men."

### The fear

"A man, for some reason, is frightened of a capable woman. He cannot see in her a feminine, weak person, as much in need of masculine guidance as a woman with no profession."

"For me, this problem is even more complex. Men see me dancing, and they see someone ethereal and fragile. They just don't know what to make of me."

Markova, engrossed in the unattached woman's theories on men, began to smile less enthusiastically. "She grinned. 'Here's a secret,' she said. 'On the day of my great tragedy. On the very day I was 50 years old I received two proposals of marriage. And I'm going to think about both of them.'"



## WOMANSENSE



A YOUNGER set dress in dark gray flannel has a detachable white pique collar.

By BERKERTEX.

## LADY LUCK

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

**AQUARIUS** (1) (January 21-February 19): If someone tries to discourage you from pursuing a well-considered course of action, disregard his warnings.

**PISCES** (1) (February 20-March 20): A number of minor tasks which you have allowed to pile up should receive your undivided attention today.

**ARIES** (7) (March 21-April 19): In your dealings with foreigners, make allowances for any difference in outlook due to their unfamiliarity with local conditions.

**TAURUS** (10) (April 20-May 20): Forgo a small personal gain, if it involves a loss on the part of someone who can ill afford it.

**GEMINI** (9) (May 21-June 21): Avoid the society of a wealthy acquaintance who is petty with pennies spent on others but boasts of pounds squandered on himself.

**CANCER** (5) (June 22-July 21): Your restless ambition is bound to show good results, if you can manage to concentrate on facts and figures rather than on vague ideas.

**LEO** (12) (July 22-August 21): If you have decided on the companion with whom you wish to spend the rest of your life, don't

continue your association with other candidates for your affection.

**VIRGO** (2) (August 22-September 22): A temporary separation within the family will soon pass, and a happy reunion will bring you even closer than before.

**LIBRA** (6) (September 23-October 22): Encourage a young person to devote his time to the pursuit of knowledge and training and thus build a firm basis for his future success.

**SCORPIO** (8) (October 23-November 21): Don't give up hope in your quest for security, just because of a series of minor frustrations.

**SAGITTARIUS** (11) (November 22-December 21): On entering a competition don't take your victory for granted, but remember that others are also trying their best.

**CAPRICORN** (3) (December 22-January 20): A pleasant surprise is in store for you which should make this a very happy day.

**YOUR LUCKY NUMBER:** Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for the week.

## Give the men a break

By Jane Rogers

**PRESENTS** for friends and relatives are had enough, but the trouble really starts when you begin to shop around for the men. As I watched the indecisive crowd at the tie counter I wondered, do we make enough effort?

His usual brand of cigarettes in a holly-decorated pack may be safe—but is it original? A shirt he can wear to work may be useful—but is it just what he has always wanted?

The men themselves are little or no help. Even couturier John Cavanaugh, who makes the most inspired women's clothes, shows precious little inspiration in the presents for males in his Christmas boutique.

The men he can rise to is a natty bow tie with exactly matching cummerbund to hide an inelegant paunch.

This year I'm striking a blow on behalf of the men. Here's my shopping list of brighter, better presents.

**GIVE HIM A TIE** by all means—if you must. But do be adventurous about it. If he's an individualist look for the Picasso-designed neckties on sale, they are remarkably restrained beside other works of art signed by the master.

If he catches cold easily you can buy a tie with a matching silk muffler. If you want something really sober look out for neckties made from knitted silk. In a discreet clerical grey, a knitted silk tie would please anyone, even a judge.

Other ideas for the undecided—the club tie designed specially for the man who doesn't belong to a club, and is proud of it. . . . a tie-press that ejects freshly steamed ties like a pop-up toaster (you wind them between rollers) or an ingenious tie wallet with a coat-hanger hook so that he can hang it up in the wardrobe.

Finally, a coward's way out: You can now buy tie tokens to enable him to choose for himself.

**GIVE HIM CUFF LINKS**, but remember that something



A TWO-PIECE in all wool jersey tuxedo. The jacket has a concealed front fastening, a leather tie belt. It's ideal for the office.

may need not be as unrestrained as a miniature aeroplane or a plastic gorilla head. For the man who likes tweedy clothes there are cuff links in gilt fashioned to look like hammers. For the dandy there are some inexpensive links set with real amethyst. If he likes more colour get him some plain round studs covered in bright red lizard skin, and a lizard skin case to keep them in.

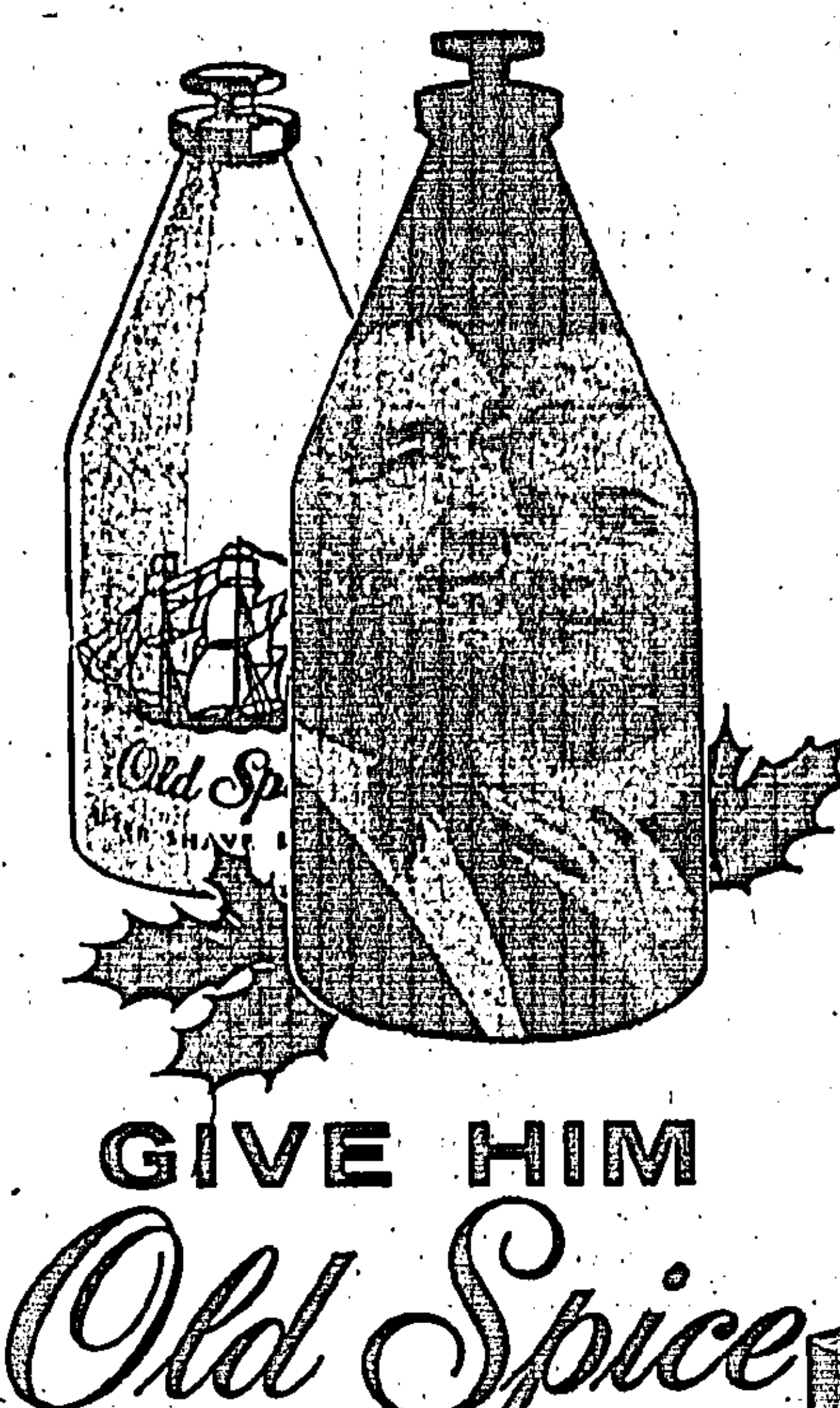
**GIVE HIM SLIPPERS** if you like. But look for something a little different, like the wild-west slippers cut from black and white pony-skin or cow-hide. If he travels light, look for the set that packs away in a zippered slipper-shaped case.

**GIVE HIM SOCKS** if you want to, but make sure first that he really likes the stretch nylon ones you find so easy to

laundry. Maybe he is hankering sentimentally after the thick-knitted numbers his mother used to make. You can now find them back on the menswear counters with the toes and heels lined with Terylene to cut down on darning.

If he'll settle for stretch nylon, then look for the new socks with stripes that run vertically instead of horizontally (so slimming for the ankle as one salesman told me solemnly), or the newest Argyle pattern in black, brown and white which will go with any suit, even a grey flannel one.

**GIVE HIM SOME HAND-KERCHIEFS** if you dare. But might get away with it if you buy the new king-sized ones. They are practically the size of bath-towels, and are made in finest cotton lawn.



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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### A Very Sound Nap

—McSnooze Sleeps Through All The Excitement—

By MAX TRELL

THERE was such a noise of shouting and yelling and laughing and occasionally some shouts of "Ouch! It's on my foot!" and "Push it away! Push it away!" that Knarf and Hand, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, knew that something extraordinary was happening long before they reached the Old Oak near the lake in the middle of the park.

And Knarf and Hand were sure that these extraordinary happenings had a great deal to do with the Pixies who lived in the roots of the Old Oak. Sure enough, when they reached the long slope of lawn on the near side of the Old Oak, Knarf and Hand saw the whole crowd of Pixies—Pixie O'Scowl and Pixie McSnooze, Pixie O'Bear and Pixie Spry and all the rest of them—picking what seemed to be an enormous red ball.

"Except that it's not a ball at all!" exclaimed Knarf. He had climbed up on a rock and had shaken his eyes from the air.

"What is it if it's not a ball?" asked Hand, for the thing looked like a ball to her.

An apple . . .

"It's an apple," said Knarf. At that moment, the crowd of Pixies let out a great shout of alarm.

"It's starting to roll down the hill!" cried Knarf. "They can't hold it back. There it goes!"

"Oh dear," said Hand to herself, as she and Knarf started running as fast as they could toward the Pixies. "That red apple is bigger than they are."

Afraid for them

She was afraid, that the Pixies wouldn't get out of the way in time. And they would all be hurt by the enormous apple. It wasn't that the apple was so enormous, of course. It was only that the Pixies were so small.

As everyone who has ever seen a Pixie knows, they rarely grow much taller than a clothes peg. But here and there

you might find one as big as a cucumber. Knarf and Hand were glad to see, as they were running along, that the Pixies had scattered in all directions and had thrown themselves flat on the grass in order to keep out of the way of the apple that now went bounding over their heads. "McSnooze! Wake up! Jump! Jump!" Pixie O'Scowl yelled at the top of his voice. Then Knarf and Hand stood still and saw what had happened. Sitting on top of the rolling, spinning, bounding apple, and leaning his head comfortably against the stem, was Pixie McSnooze.

What happened

As Knarf and Hand found out later, this is what had happened. Feeling sleepy as he usually did at any time of the day, Pixie McSnooze had climbed up on top of the apple and made himself snug for a nap.

So while his companions were huffing and puffing as they pushed the apple along, McSnooze was peacefully snoozing. And now he was still on the apple as it sailed through the air.

Knarf and Hand fortunately managed to reach the apple and stop it before it creaked into the trunk of the Old Oak.

Then everyone came rushing up to see what had happened to poor Pixie McSnooze.



The big apple came bounding and rolling at the Pixies.

"Say, what's all the noise about?" he asked sleepily. "You just woke me up, didn't you?"

"That's how it always is," he said to Knarf and Hand. "I no sooner find a nice, quiet place to take a nap than all these other fellows crowd around and wake me up!"

"Say," he said, looking around, "how did we get down this hill so quick, anyway?"

Continued his nap

After climbing down from the apple, Pixie McSnooze stretched himself under the shade of a blade of grass and continued his interrupted nap.

Hand asked Pixie McSnooze, the Pixie Cook, what they were going to do with the apple.

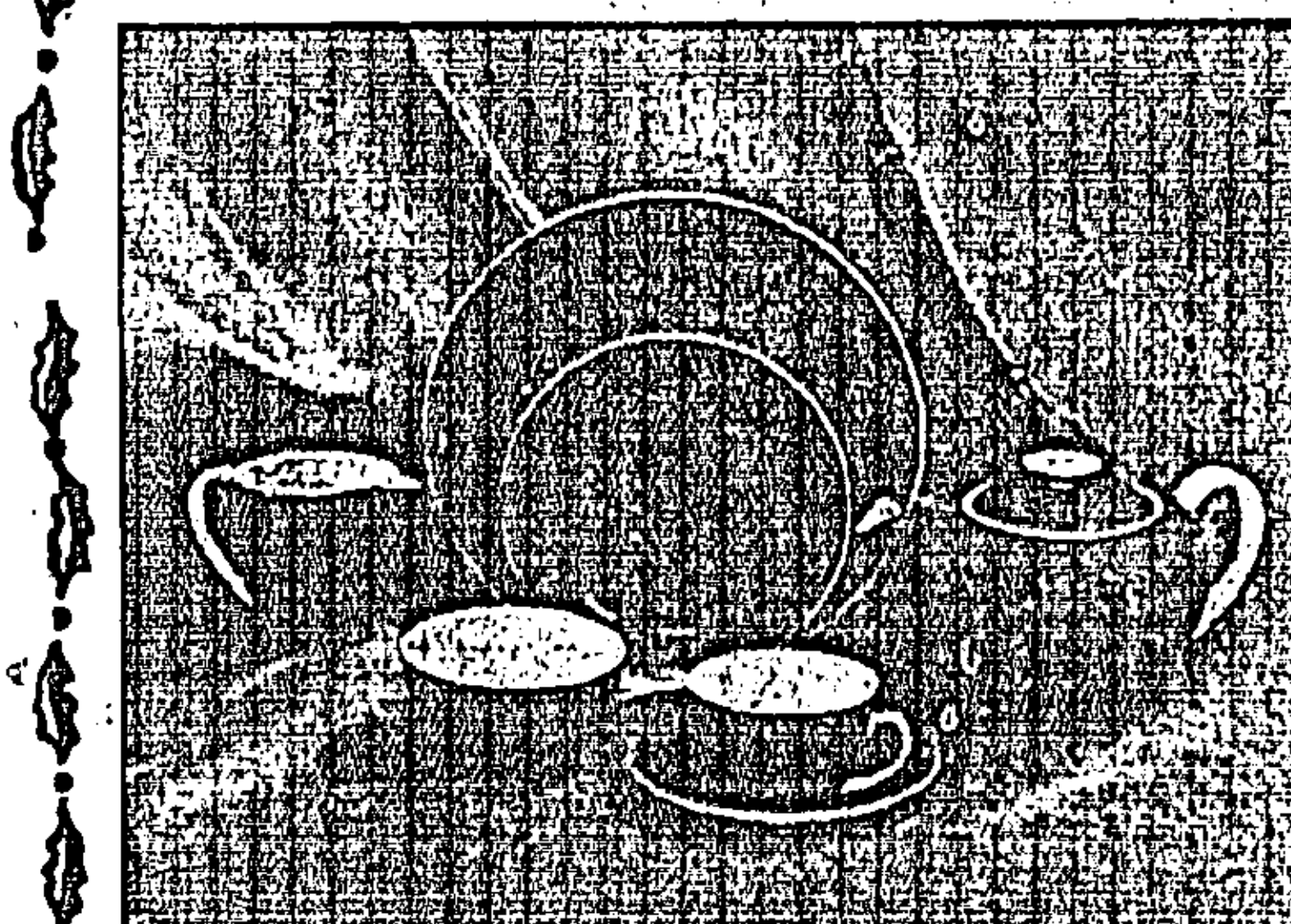
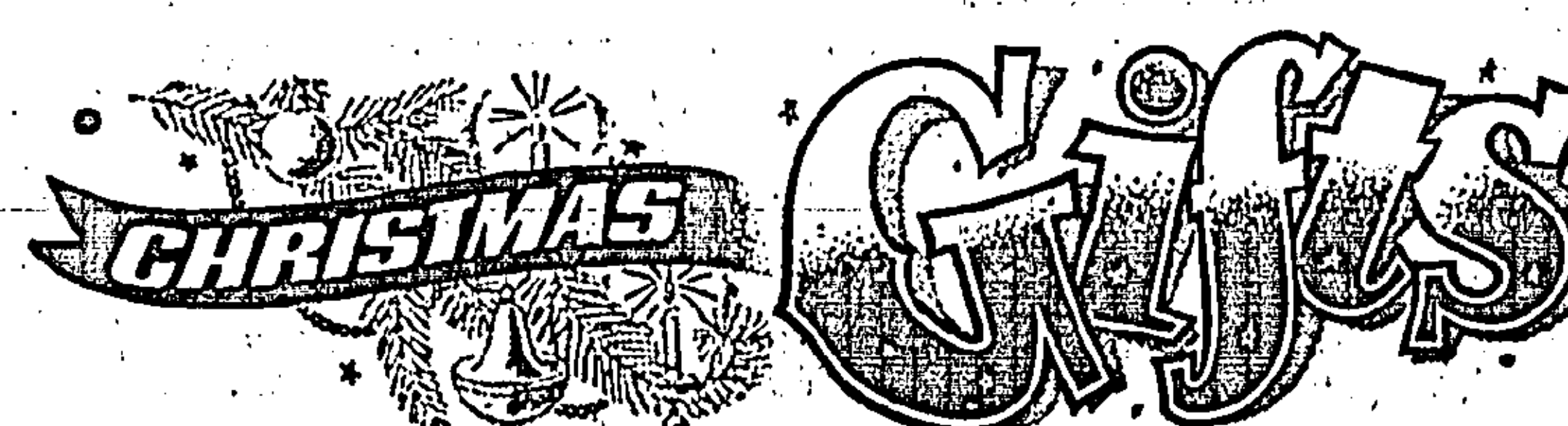
"Make an apple pie out of it," Pixie McSnooze promptly replied. "What else can you do with such a beautiful, big, red apple?"

### Rupert and the Purple Star—16



So much time has been wasted because of the unexpected behaviour of the purple starfish that evening has nearly closed in. There Mr. Bear brings the hired car safely home. "Join me again tomorrow, Bill," says Rupert. "You must help me tell Sailer

Sam all about what we saw at the seaside. "Right-o, I'll come," says Bill. "I'm sure I'll be there. And next morning Rupert looks out for him anxiously. When Bill does not appear he begins to feel worried.



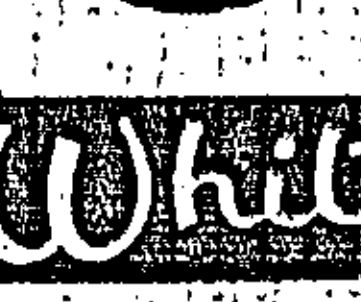
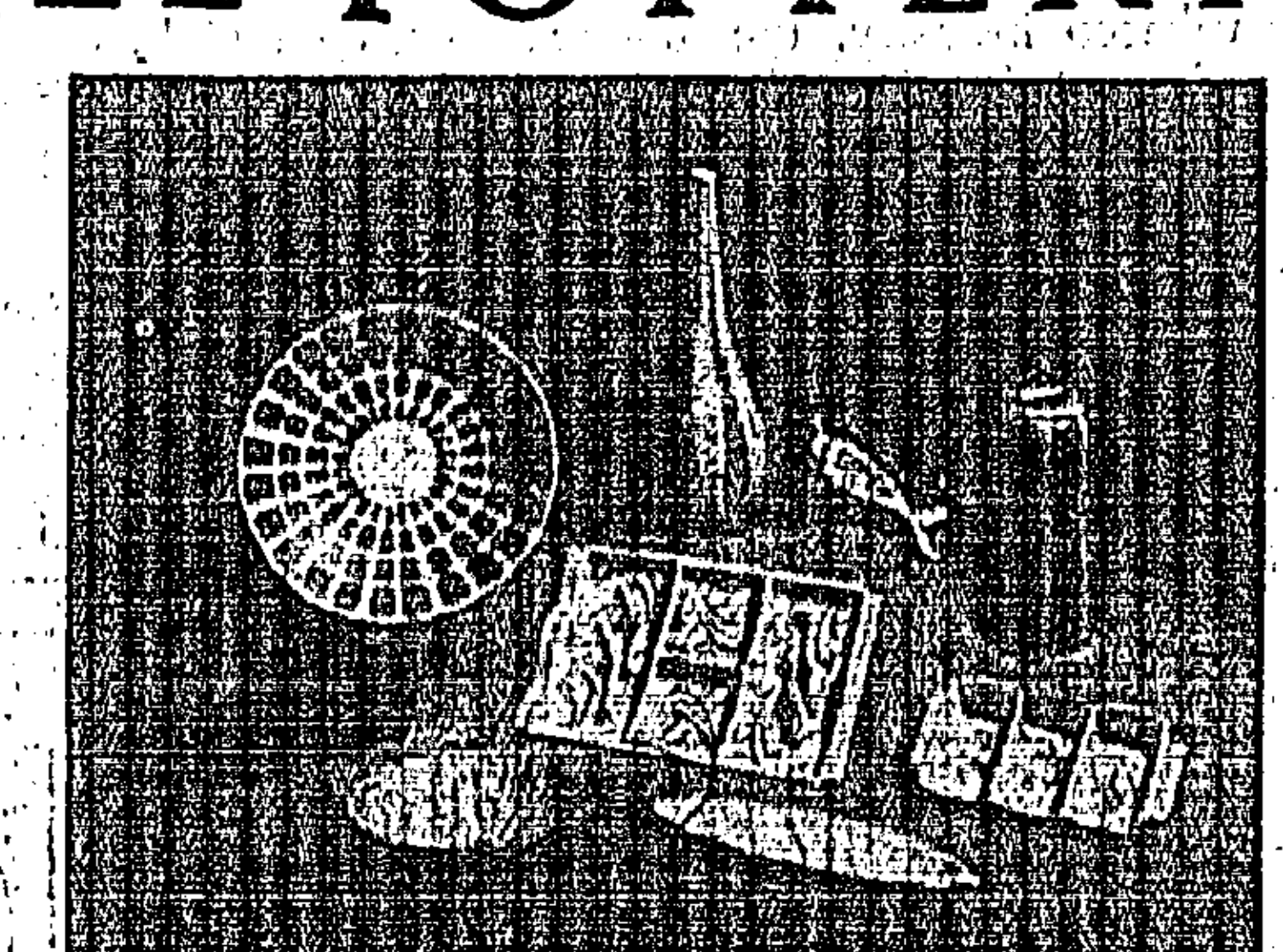
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## JACOBY on BRIDGE

**WEST'S** ten of spades opening was covered by dummy's Jack. East played the queen and South the ace.

South's next play was the three of clubs. West played the six and dummy the ten. When this held, South played the ace from dummy and claimed all the tricks after both opponents followed.

Since two spades, plus two hearts, plus four diamonds, plus five clubs gave a total of 13 the opponents conceded.

The hand excited considerable discussion. North wondered if he should have experimented in the holding with a view of getting to the grand slam. The answer is that he should not have.

True, one could set up a lot of South hands that would lead to 13 cold tricks, but since South was playing a 15-17 point

**NORTH** 28  
♥KJ4  
♦A942  
♣AQ53  
♠A10

**WEST** 10  
♥1098  
♦Q1076  
♣10804  
♠J6

**EAST** 705  
♥Q705  
♦Q72  
♣Q72  
♠Q72

**SOUTH (D)**  
♥A32  
♦K63  
♣K7  
♠Q642

North and South vulnerable  
South West North East  
1NT Pass 1NT Pass  
Pass Pass  
Opening lead—♠10

no-trump the most the combined hands could count to would have been 35 points.

The rest of the discussion involved South's successful club play. East and West claimed that he had made the wrong play, but had been lucky. South claimed that he had played correctly.

South was right. Normally with seven you don't finesse for a jack, but this particular combination of seven was unusual in that the drop play would work only against a three-three split in the suit.

As long as the suit split two-to-two it would do South no good to drop a doubleton jack since then the nine or eight would be set up on the partner's hand.

### W. CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1NT Pass 2♠ Pass  
2NT Pass 3♠ Pass  
3♦ Pass ?

You, South, hold:  
♠A5 ♣K2 ♢QJ9876 ♣K72  
What do you do now?

—Bid five no-trump. If your partner will show two kings you are going to seven.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner bids six diamonds to show one king only. What do you do now?  
Answer Tomorrow



# More support for soccer strike

## Captain admits U.S. Davis Cuppers have not been 'good boys'

Sydney, Dec. 14. David Freed of Salt Lake, non-playing captain of the United States Davis Cup team, said today the general conduct of his players had not been good and that the incidents would be reported to the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association.

"Some discipline is badly needed in U.S. tennis among the younger players to ensure they do not disgrace their country," he said. "There can be too much temperamental among these youngsters, which re-

flects back on their country. As sportsmen I cannot say that my players were grade A. They must be B or B-minus, perhaps even C.

"As men, it is the youngest team we have sent here and many of them need to reach maturity for future Davis Cup efforts."

### Accused

Norman Strange, president of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, said that "in all my 30 years in tennis I never have seen behaviour to equal that of the Americans, particularly with the younger members." He said he would protest to the USLTA.

The Americans, beaten in the Inter-zone final by Italy for the first time in 36 years, are accused of wrecking their dressing room, throwing a racket into the stands and bathing balls about in protest to decisions.—AP.

## Sports Diary

**TOMORROW**  
**Athletics**  
 Queen Elizabeth School annual athletic sports, Boundary-street public athletic ground, 9 am to noon.  
**Racing**  
 Auction of race horse "Wing Chee", Royal Hongkong Jockey Club Paddock 5.30 pm.

## FIRST TEST A VICTORY FOR BOTH SIDES

London, Dec. 14. The MCC have sent a telegram to Brisbane congratulating both Richie Benaud and Frank Worrell, the Australia and West Indies captains on their wonderful finish to the Test.

Mr Ronnie Aldred, the MCC Secretary, commenting at Lord's today said: "I regard this as a victory for both sides. Throughout the five days they played cricket in the way all the delegates at the recent Imperial Cricket Conference hope it will be played in future."

"Both sides kept the game alive from start to finish. Neither gave any thought to avoiding defeat. They went for a win all the time scoring runs quickly and attractively. This match will go down into history as one of the greatest Tests of all time. It is a pattern for everyone to follow."—AP.

## NORTHERN CLUBS ENDORSE LONDON MEETING RESOLUTION

Manchester, Dec. 14.

The British football strike threat increased today when the Northern clubs also decided to strike if their claims were not met by the League directors within a month.

At its three-hour meeting here the Northern Professional Footballers' Association passed a resolution similar to the one adopted in London calling for strike action on January 14.

This resolution was carried by 254 votes with six against. Yesterday nearly 200 players of Football League clubs in the south of England and Wales took similar action.

A similar meeting to be held at Birmingham tomorrow by players from the Midlands clubs is almost certain to support the strike.

The players' demands—mainly for freedom to negotiate their own contracts and wages and a minimum of £750 a year for

full-time professionals over 20—are being studied by the Ministry of Labour.

Many players will now be forced to call at labour exchanges to see what jobs are available.—AP.

## CARBO REFUSES TO DIVULGE PRIZE FIGHT CONNECTIONS

Washington, Dec. 14.

Gangster Frankie Carbo, summoned from prison by U.S. Senate boxing investigators, refused today to tell anything of his alleged backstage prize fight connections.

Carbo, long reputed to be an underworld power in the sport in America, cited the fifth amendment in rejecting 30 questions asked by a Senate Sub-committee seeking to clean up boxing. The amendment says a witness need not give testimony which might incriminate him.

### Grounds

The gray-haired gangland figure, known in the underworld as Mr Gray, read carefully from a slip of paper previously typewritten, his grounds for refusing to respond to questions.

In the witness chair for half an hour, Carbo gave his age (50) and the Miami, Florida, address where he lived before beginning a two-year prison term for undercover matchmaking and managing in New York. That was all the information the Sub-committee got from him.

His lone remark came at the end and changed the tone of the funeral session. Addressing Chairman Este Kefauver, he said:

### Chuckling

"There is only one thing I want to say. I congratulate you on your re-election."

In the chuckling that followed, Kefauver commented that "you look like a pleasant man, Mr. Carbo."

But Kefauver already had pledged to recommend that Carbo be cited for contempt as a result of his silence.

Carbo declined to give his occupation, where he was born, whether he knew James D. Norris—head of the defunct International Boxing Club—or whether he was associated undercover with Frank (Blinky) Palermo and John J. Vitale in managing

heavyweight contender Sonny Liston. Among other things, he refused to say whether there has been an underworld influence in boxing or whether elimination of him and his crowd would make boxing healthier.

Carbo also called on the fifth amendment when asked if he had ever threatened any manager or boxer with bodily harm within the last 10 years.—AP.

## Surtees to concentrate on motor racing

London, Dec. 14. John Surtees, Britain's 20-year-old world motor-cycling champion, tonight officially announced his retirement from motor-cycling racing.

He will concentrate on motor racing, he said in a television programme.

It seems likely that Surtees will challenge Australian Jack Brabham for the World Drivers' Championship next year.

He took up car racing this year "for something to do at weekends," and showed ability from the start. He finished second in the British Grand Prix and had a number of good races in all types of racing cars. He will leave for New Zealand at the end of the month to drive in three races there with the Lotus team.

On two wheels, Surtees won races with almost monotonous regularity for nearly ten years. He won seven world titles and was the first rider to win both the 350 and 500 cc Isle of Man TT races three years in succession.—Reuters.

## RUGBY RESULTS

London, Dec. 14. Results of today's Rugby Union matches in Britain were: Scotland XV 11, Combined Services 3. Newport 3, Cardiff 3.—Reuters.

## Seriousness of doping problem stressed at Gimcrack Club annual meeting

York, Dec. 14.

Major General Randle Feilden, senior steward of the Jockey Club, told the annual meeting of the Gimcrack Club here yesterday that the British turf authorities needed no nudging on the seriousness of the doping problem.

"We have had a continuous and extensive investigation in hand since last July which has produced some most useful and enlightening facts," he said. "We intend to proceed until we reach the source of this criminal organisation."

General Feilden said the stewards were perturbed about the "complete lack of security in the average stable." He said he realised trainers' difficulties in this respect, but

stressed that vigilance, however rough and ready, is a big deterrent.

Sir Adrian Jarvis, guest of honour through the victory of his colt Test Case in last season's Gimcrack Stakes, made the point that the state of the going should be accurately measured now that overnight declaration of runners is to come into force in March.

### The state of going

Declaring that the state of the going should be measured by instrument, and not left to the individual views of the clerks of courses, he said: "Way back in 1953, Jack Jarvis (the leading townsmen trainer) worked a device, both simple and foolproof, which would measure the degree of penetration of a weighted spike dropped from a given height. A standard implement of this nature should be issued to every racecourse and the recording telephoned to Wetherby's (the registrars) so as to be available to owners before making their declarations."

Other points made by Sir Adrian were:

★ Flat racing should end a fortnight earlier, on October 21, giving National Hunt racing a longer uninterrupted run.

★ Allowances for transportation of horses to meetings should be increased, and entry fees for races should be reduced.

★ In the case of sponsored races, it would be better

to try to have the added money distributed over the whole day's card, instead of its being added to one race only.

★ Objections ought to be made by the stewards of the meeting.

★ Breeders should be given the greatest possible encouragement, including prizes for the breeders of the winners of certain important races. Sir Adrian suggested a breeder's prize of £3,000 in the case of the Epsom Derby.—China Mail Special.

## UK soccer results

London, Dec. 14. Results of today's soccer matches in Britain were as follows:

**LEAGUE CUP**  
 Fourth round  
 Shrewsbury 1, Norwich City 0  
 Portsmouth 1, Chelsea 0  
 Bolton 1, Rotherham 0  
 (Postponed—ground unfit)

**Fourth round replay**  
 Wrexham 2, Blackburn (After extra-time)

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE**  
 Division 1  
 Celtic 1, Dundee 0  
 (Postponed—ground unfit)

**INTER-CITIES FAIRS CUP**  
 Quarter-final—first leg  
 Hibernian 1, Celtic 0  
 (Postponed—ground unfit)

**KENTISH CUP**  
 (Triangular Army competition)  
 British Army 3, Belgian Army 0  
 (At Stamford Bridge, London).—Reuters.

## World title chess series to begin on Mar. 14, 1961

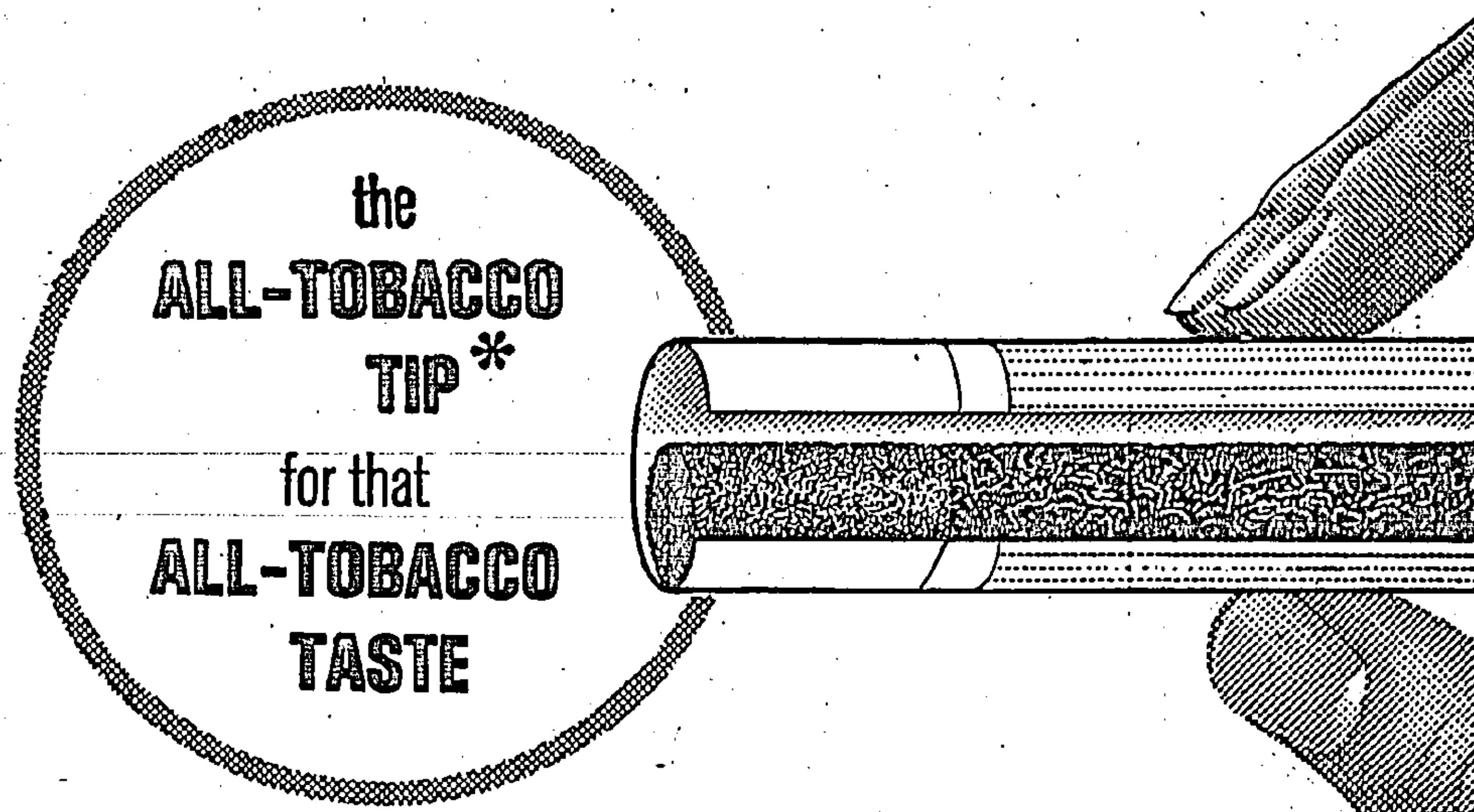
Moscow, Dec. 14. Russia's world champion Mikhail Tahl and former world champion Mikhail Botvinnik will start their return world chess title match on March 14 next year it was learned here today.

It will be a 24-game series with Tahl needing 12 points to retain his title and Botvinnik 12.5 points to recapture the title.

Sweden's grand master Gideon Stahlberg will be the umpire.

The site of the match has yet to be decided.—AP.

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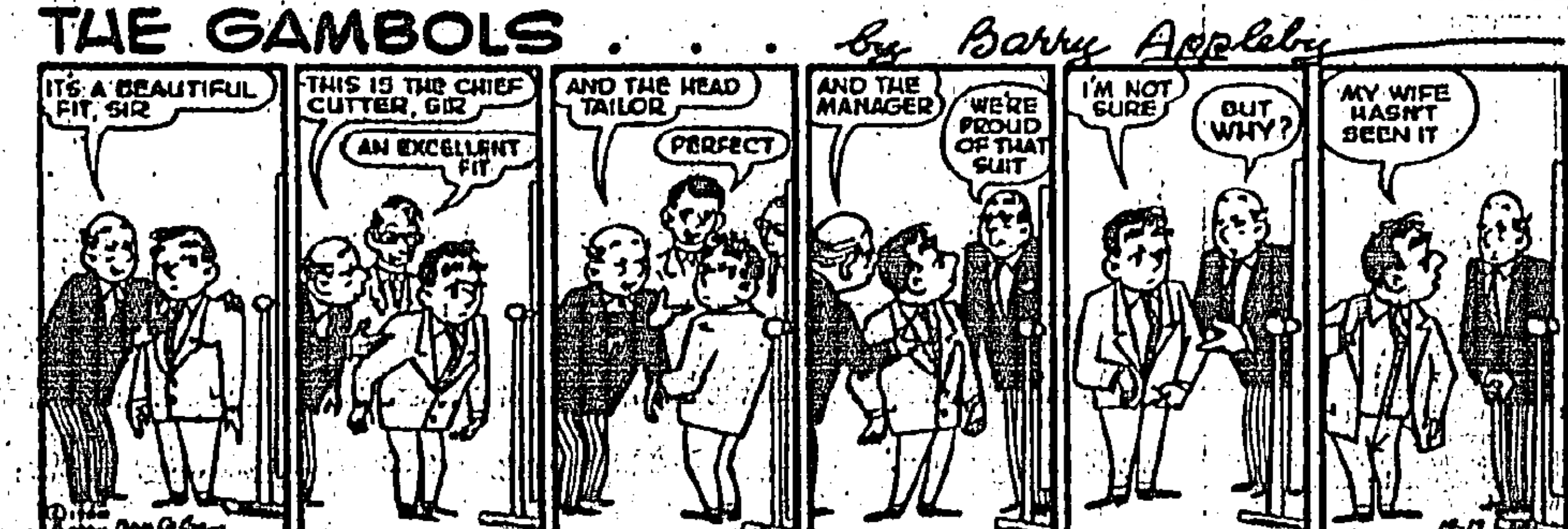
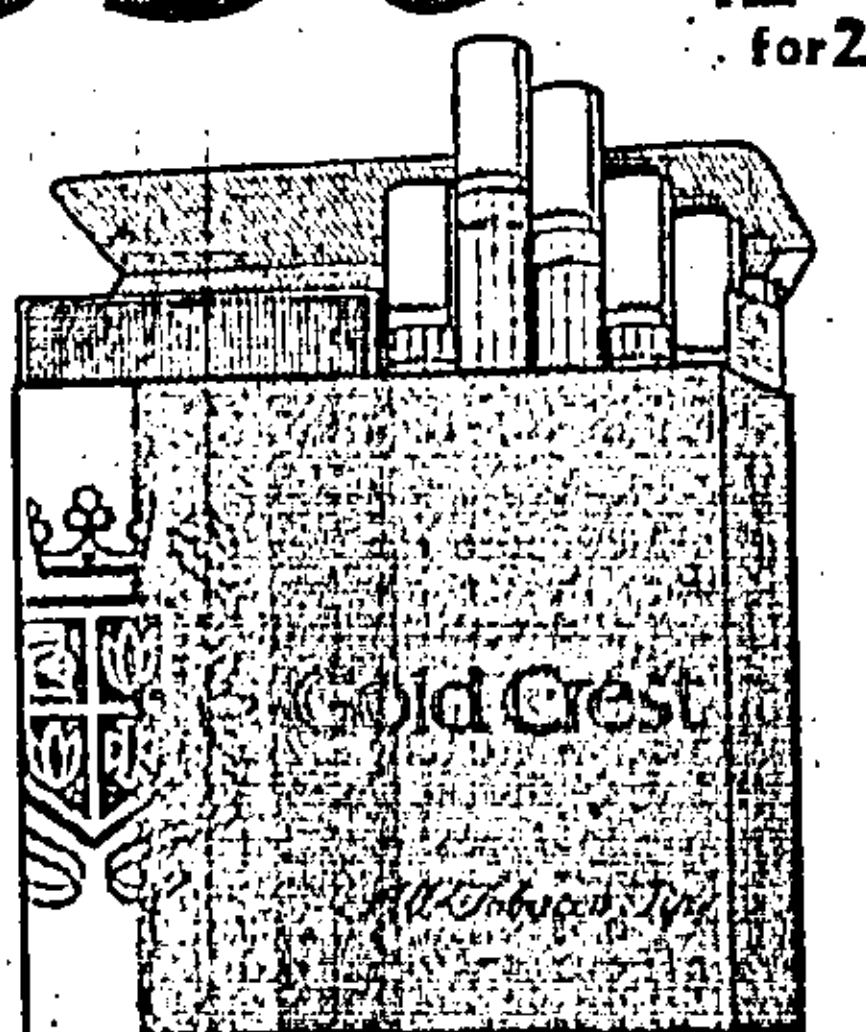
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## THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

### 5TH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 17th December, 1960.

(To be held under the Rules of The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club)

### THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 8 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.  
 The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission Badges must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$25.00 each are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street; King's Road, North Point and 382 Nathan Road. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72011).

Members, Ladies wearing Ladies Brooches, and their Guests must enter the Members Enclosure by the entrance to the Members Stand.

Members wishing to proceed to Club Boxes on the 4th and 5th Floors of the new Public Stand must do so from the 2nd Floor of the Members Stand, using the lift or stairs.

Apart from the foregoing, Members, their Ladies, and Members' Guests are not permitted to enter the Public Enclosure and Stand.

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$10.00 each payable at the Gate. Admission Badges will be issued and they must be prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANTS.

### CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 10th December, 1960, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th March, 1961, at \$2.00 each and Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race of this meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club.

The office hours of the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club are as follows:

Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square) and 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong:—  
 Mondays to Fridays ..... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Saturday 10th December ..... 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
 Saturday 17th December ..... 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon:—  
 Mondays to Fridays ..... 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Saturday 10th December ..... 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.  
 Saturday 17th December ..... 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

By Order of the Stewards,

A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th December, 1960.



# Suggestions for tightening rules of International Softball Tournament

By OLLY VAS

Some excellent suggestions have been put forward and recommendations made to the Hongkong Softball Association by an interested party, in the matter of tightening-up the rulings hitherto applicable to entries accepted for the annual International Series.

The Series traditionally begins on Boxing Day and concludes with the final games over the Chinese New Year holidays but for some odd reason hard to fathom we have so far had no inkling as to when entries for the forthcoming Series will be invited.

Be that as it may the list of the proposals submitted to the Association is published here and these softballers or team managers who choose to differ can air their views when the Council meets again.

Once the new rulings are passed they will be incorporated in the Handbook and will remain firm as a guide for future Series competition. To begin with, the Council will be asked to make a definite ruling on whether league players only can take part or if it is intended to allow unregistered ex-players to participate.

## Last year's farce

Then there is the question of national representation. To avoid a repetition of last year's farce when members of the same family signed up for two different national teams it has been suggested that the national status claimed in the Identity Cards be used as a basis for deciding who should turn out for which country.

It is not intended that these documents be inspected unless there are grounds to doubt the nationality claimed but the Council would reserve the right to "sift" the cards to verify the declarations made.

Of course it is obvious that this is not an airtight system even though it is to be assumed that Chinese holders will elect to play for China, those of Pakistani or Philippine ancestry will choose to turn out for Pakistan and the Philippines, the U.S. Navy to represent USA and

British servicemen with military identification cards will play for Great Britain or the United Kingdom, as there will still be controversy about the local-born Portuguese.

It is an obviously undesirable step to ask players to submit personal documents such as passports for inspection and so until a better or foolproof system is suggested by somebody else the Identity Card idea appears to have a great deal of merit in it. At least it would serve to eliminate entries from the "Commonwealth" or "Hong-kong" which, though recognised as nations by the International Olympic Committee, are not strictly such in the true sense of the word.

## Seven-inning final?

And what about an entry from "Singapore"? How would that be treated?

These questions can only be answered at the next Council meeting.

Other suggestions made were that the nine-inning final be eliminated and be confined to seven, playing times and dates to be strictly adhered to, insistence on standardisation of type of uniform of teams and a prompt payment of entry fees, whether teams are drawn for opening round matches or not.

A revolutionary proposal which will certainly evoke much comment in softball circles is that the manager of a team be allowed to field an altogether different team of players from those whose names are originally given to the Association, to en-

sure that the best team is turned out at game time.

Very little has been overlooked by the proposer in his long letter to the Secretary of the HKSSA and for the trouble he has taken to make such an exhaustive study of the International rules he earns the gratitude of those who will shortly be taking part in the International Series competition.

## Weekend games

Now for a brief word about the weekend games. If the various teams play true to form there will be no surprise results.

Except for the return encounter between the Junior league leaders, Ray Cordeiro's Giants undefeated, and Alex Drago's third-placed Indians there is little to attract the attention of diehard ball fans.

Some inflated changes are indicated if Drago's boys entertain any hopes of being the first team to beat the Giants. The first-named in the following weekend programme are logical choices to win their games:

**SATURDAY**

2.00 pm: New Asia vs Wolves (Jr)

3.30 pm: Antelopes vs Austers (Jr)

**SUNDAY**

9.30 am: Toreros vs Cheyennes (Ladies)

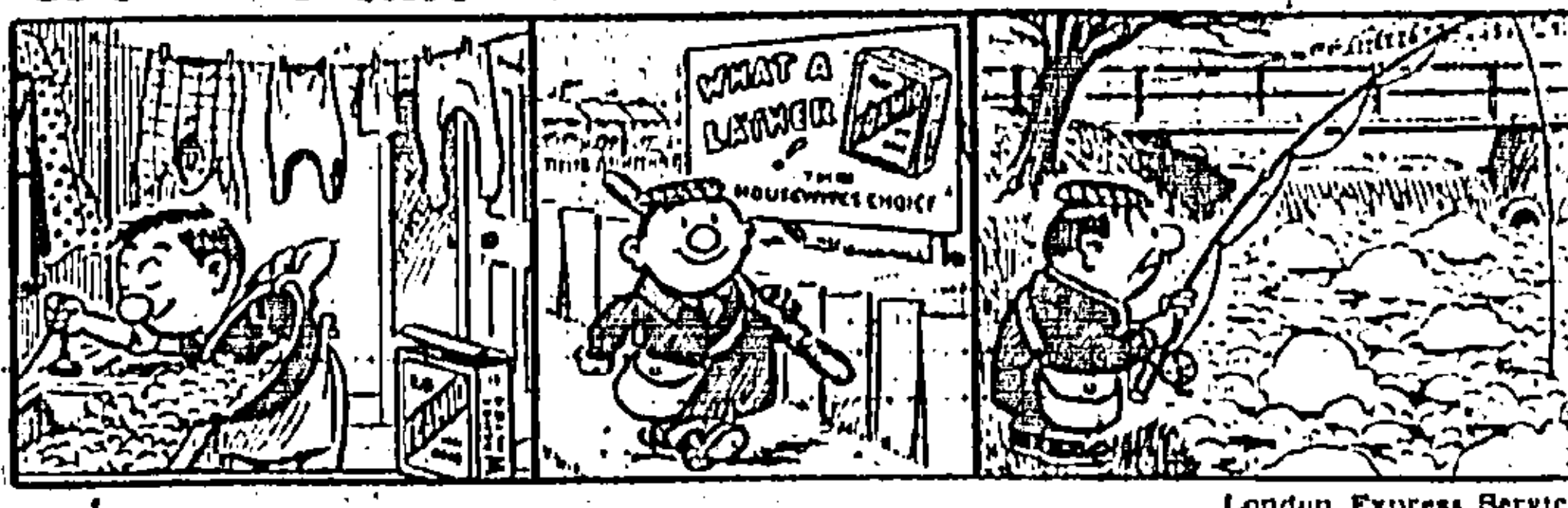
11.00 am: Giants vs Indians (Jr)

1.30 pm: SCAA vs U.S. Navy (Sr)

3.00 pm: Stardusts vs White Sox (Jr)

## SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



London Express Service

## LAST NIGHT'S RUGBY

# Not an inspiring game, but Army thoroughly deserve win over Combined Civilians

By 'PROP'

The Army gained a very thorough and decisive victory over the Combined Civilians at the Club last night by a twelve points to three margin.

The score does not flatter the Army who must have won by an even greater margin if it were not for some dropped passes and hesitant running. They did score three tries to one in reply, but another two went begging on the lot of the field as the winger forgot the corner flag and turned inside.

Having said that the Army were worthy winners — against my forecast — I am forced to state that the manner of their victory was not in keeping with their attempts to open up the game and make it a spectacle.

## Turning point

With the Civilians in the lead at half-time by a try to nil, the Army threw everything into attack and it came as no surprise when they equalised. BUT the referee must have been the only person present who missed seeing Baillie, in attempting to gather the ball, knock-on at least three times before dropping a goal from the Civilians' twenty-five yard line. This proved to be the turning point of the game and the Army threw the ball about well to score three tries and run out worthy winners.

Civilians started very well and, from a line-out on the Army twenty-five, Hall broke clear and kicked ahead. Berreclough, following hard, dived under MacDonald's nose for the try. Watson

missed the kick from the touchline. The Army, incensed by this, threw themselves into the attack only to be sent rocking on their heels by a glorious run at top speed by Alex Xavier who rounded two men by sheer speed and was eventually pushed into touch. With this run the young Recrelo player proved that he was a danger to the Army line, but was promptly forgotten by his own team-mates!

Play swung from end to end at a furious pace with neither side getting on top although the heavier Army forwards were beginning to get on to the loose ball faster than hitherto and were worrying Wilson, who was not added by the fact that Tuncok, a late substitute for Scruby, was not in his best form.

## Debatable point

The second half started with the Army on the attack and forcing play to the Civilians line. This was followed by the drop-goal incident and straightaway by another debatable point. Martindale, having along the touchline only to be bulked by Figueroa and Kelly, who from the stand appeared to have stepped into touch. But the Martindale slipped the ball inside. It appeared to roll over the line where Johnston just got his hand to it in time to stop an Army score.

The referee ordered a set scrum on the five-yard mark

after what seemed to be an obvious "Minor".

From the resultant scrum, Macdonald picked up and smashed over the line. Macdonald failed to kick the goal, and Civilians would be excused if they were annoyed at the way the Army had taken the lead.

But from this point onwards there was only one side in the game as the Army took command and ran the Civilians off their feet.

## Many changes

Dunn and Martindale added further tries for the Army, neither of which was converted, before the final whistle.

As I have stated elsewhere, the Army should have scored at least two more tries, and had opportunities to score at least three more on top of that, but poor passing and a desperate defence held them back.

The Civilians side showed many changes from the team that was published. Digby-Bennett, M. Xavier, Scruby and Roberts cried off through injury, their places being taken by M. Flavello, Watson (who had already played one game earlier and was a passenger in the second half with cramp), Tancok and Brown.

Wilson was the star of this Civilians side, whilst Figueroa, Berreclough, Hall and Bedford also caught the eye. For the Army the pack were magnificent in the second half, when their extra size began to tell. Whitley, Ball, Richards and Thompson were outstanding. Sims had a good time behind a winning pack, as did Maunsell, Macdonald and Martindale.

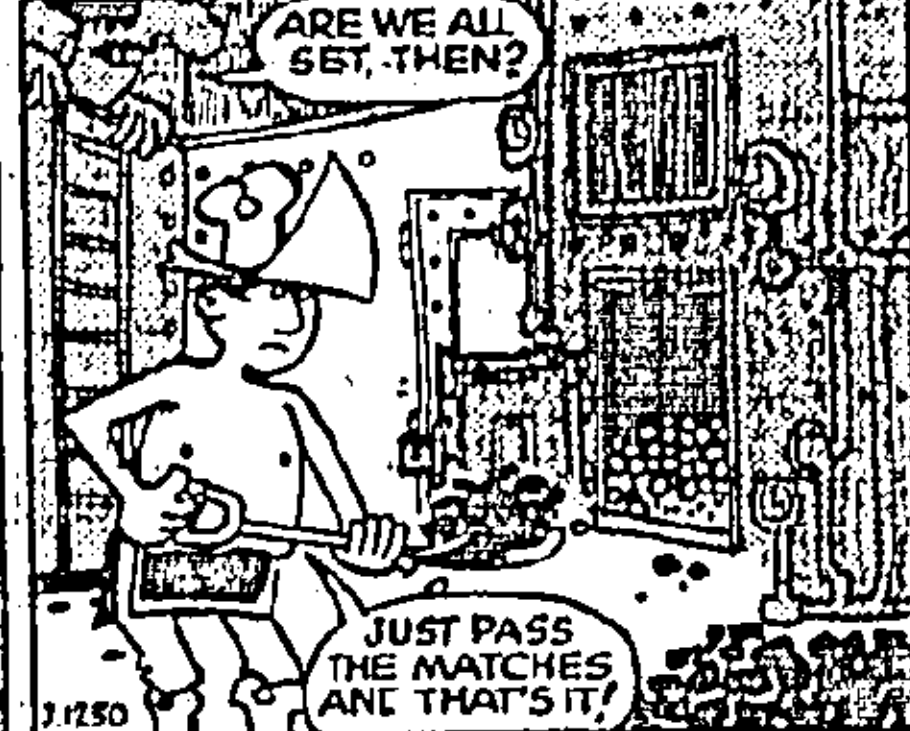
Not an inspiring game to watch maybe, the interest being taken out by so many of the original selections being unavailable, but a very worthy win for the Army side.

## Britain's TV Sports Personality of the Year

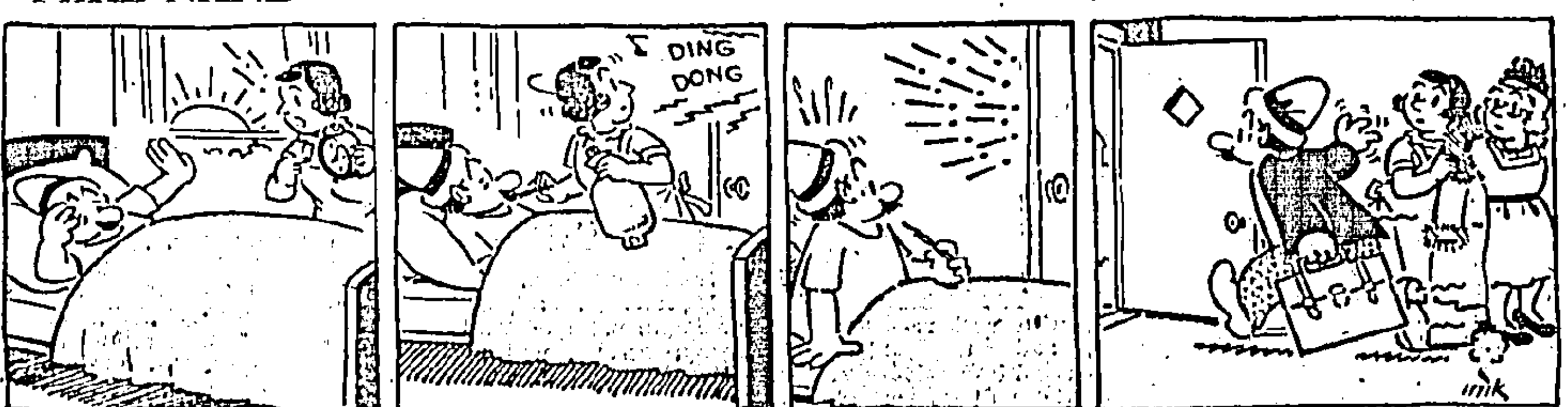
London, Dec. 14. Show jumper David Broome, a bronze medal winner in the Olympic Games in Rome, was tonight named Britain's Television Sports Personality of the Year.

Twenty-year-old Broome topped the national poll organised by the British Broadcasting Corporation. With his horse, Sunsalve, Broome won many show events in Britain this year and in addition to his Olympic medal he took third place in the International Championships in Venice. Don Thompson, Olympic 50 kilometre walk champion, was runner-up for the award, and Anita Lonsborough, Olympic breaststroke champion, was third—China Mail Special.

## Four D. Jones BY MADDOCKS



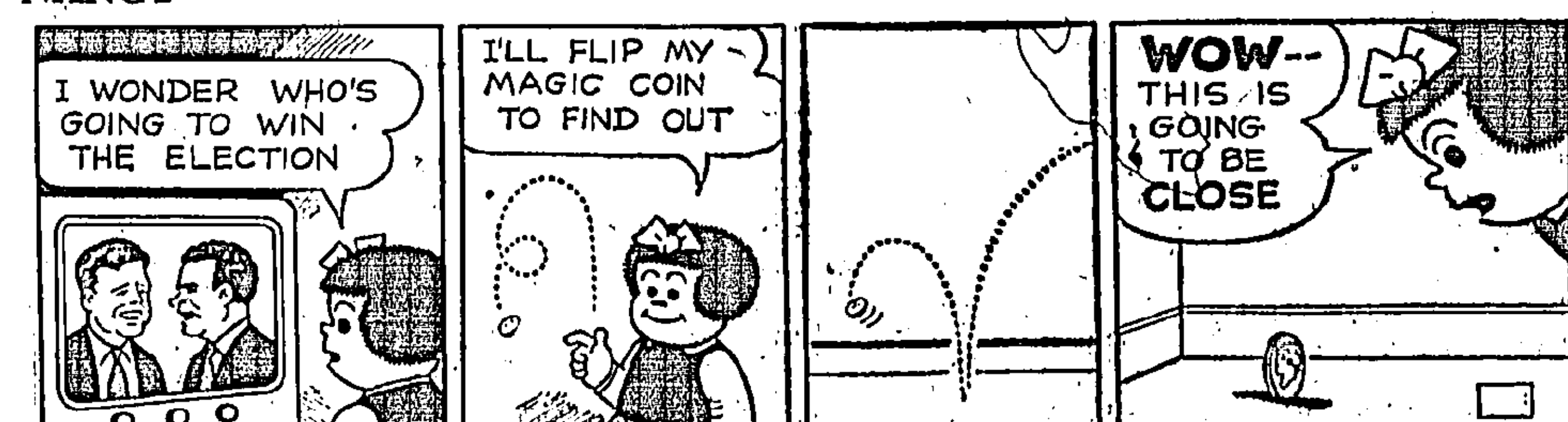
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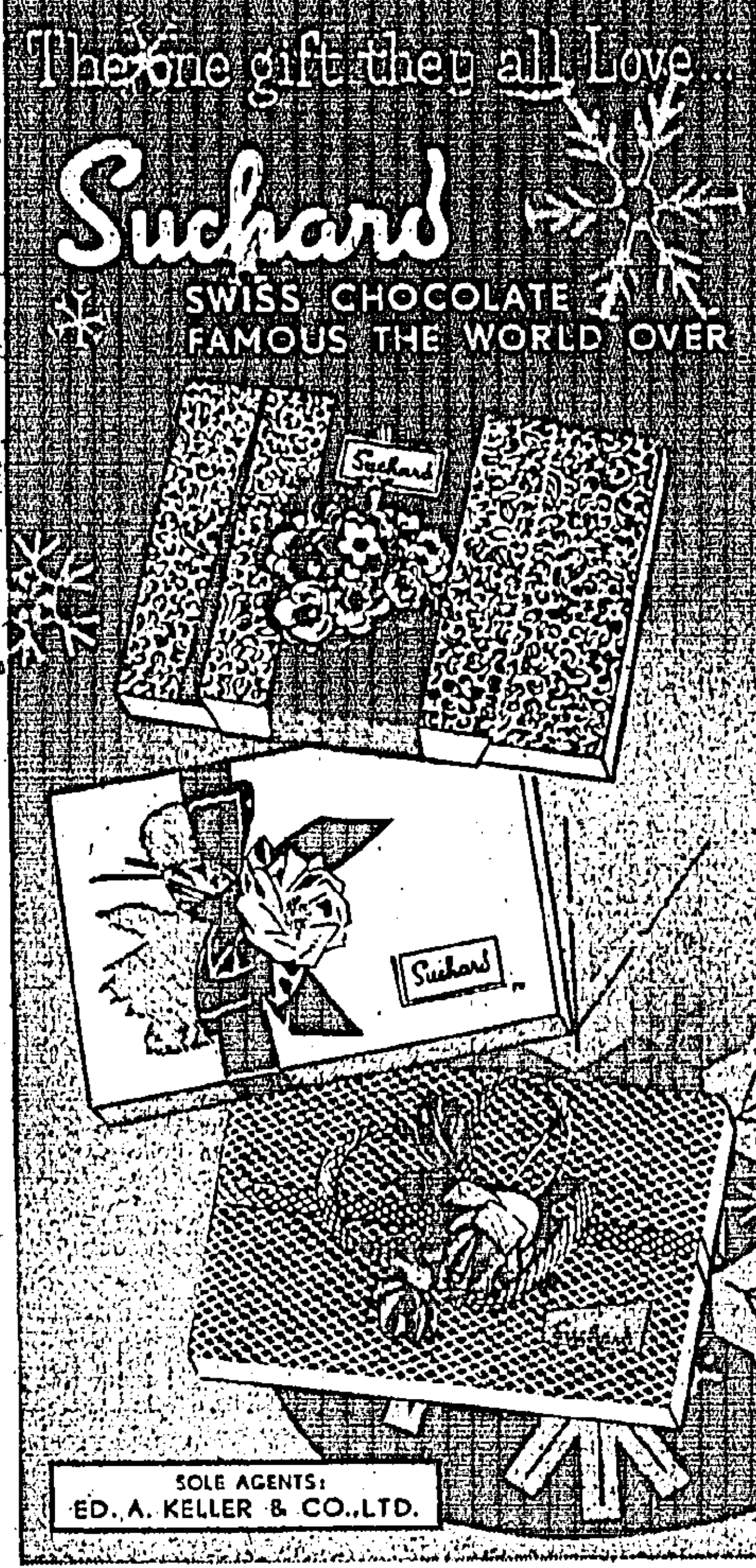
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### PRaises work in HONGKONG

## U.S. Congressman will seek more help for Far East refugees

The world's big refugee problem does not exist so much in Europe as a whole as in the city of Berlin, the Middle East and Far East, U.S. Congressman, Mr John Lindsay, told the China Mail this morning.

He will press for the inclusion of the Middle East and Far East in any new legislation for admission of refugees to America in the next Congressional session due to open in January.

Mr Lindsay, a Republican Representative from New York, has been on a round-the-world tour investigating refugee problems.

During the last few days, he has toured the Colony to see the work done by Government and voluntary agencies in housing the refugees and "non-refugees" in Hongkong.

His verdict? "It's a superb job, done in a most practical and useful way."

He was most thoroughly impressed by the multi-storied estates, and the noodle machines for the benefit of the refugees here.

#### MUCH TO BE DONE

"But there is so much left to be done that I feel it's just the beginning of everything," he said.

"You can't let them stay where they are when housing shortage, lack of educational facilities and malnutrition grow day by day."

Mr Lindsay suggested concentration on teaching people how to help themselves so as to become self-reliant.

On his return home, Mr Lindsay will report to the House Judiciary Committee and will recommend U.S. contribution towards Hong-

kong refugees' food shortage and continuation of any assistance already in operation.

In last Congress session, the only refugee act passed was the U.S. Escape Programme which provided for the U.S. to admit those who have been declared refugees under the United Nations mandate.

"Now, the U.N. mandate confines itself to Europe only," he said.

In the last session—the 86th Congress—Mr Lindsay introduced legislation for admission of 10,000 refugees regardless of nationality with a rider to allow admission of an unlimited number of refugees in emergency cases such as Hungary. The bill was unsuccessful.

Mr and Mrs Lindsay will leave for Tokyo by PAA this afternoon on their way back to the U.S.

## Old Hongkong resident dies in America

Word was received here this morning that Mr Vasco Maria Barradas, an old Hongkong resident, died at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina yesterday. He was 62.

The late Mr Barradas retired as chief clerk of National Handbank in May 1959, after 43 years' service with the bank.

On retirement, he went with Mrs Barradas to Charleston to

settle down with their daughter Mrs Pulcy Sauber.

Born in Shanghai, the late Mr Barradas came to Hongkong in his early age, and was educated in St Joseph's College.

#### Sportsman

A keen sportsman, he was member of the Victoria Recreation Club and Club Lusitano, and had represented the former in swimming and rowing. He was also coach of his bank's softball team in inter-bank matches before the war.

He is survived by his widow, his daughter, both in Charleston, three sons, David, Alex and Vasco, and a sister Mrs Maria-Luiza Xavier. David is now serving as accountant in the Royal Bank of Canada in British Columbia, South America, and the other two are working in Hongkong.

A Requiem Mass will be held at the Catholic Church, Chapel at 5:30 pm tomorrow.

#### Donate blood

Twenty-three men from the USS Sherwood donated 23 pints of blood to the Blood Bank in response to a call from Queen Mary Hospital for O-Group blood this morning. The USS Sherwood is a station ship in port.

## GIRL STOLE \$6 TO BUY XMAS CARDS

A 14-year-old girl told Mr J. E. Dargan at North-Kowloon Court this morning that she stole \$6 from a woman in order to buy some Christmas cards for her friends.

Sub-Inspector I. W. Elias said the girl stole \$6 from the drawer in a sewing machine belonging to Cheung Lai-har in a rooftop unit at 100 Nam Cheong-street on Tuesday.

Defendant was a can factory worker and lives on the second floor of the above address.

Defendant was ordered to return the \$6 to complainant and was released after warning by the Magistrate.

## Proprietor fined on tax count

The sole proprietor of the Mee Lung Garment and Shirt Manufactory of 1-L Sai Yeung Choi-street, third floor, was fined \$500 by Mr A. J. Sansonetti at South-Kowloon Court this morning for failing to furnish to the Inland Revenue Department business and profit tax returns for 1960-61.

The Court was told that the defendant, Fung Chu had ignored the repeated reminders asking him to send in the returns. He had been fined four times previously for similar offences.

## Choral Group for celebrations

The Macao Polyphonic Choral Group led by the group's Director, Fr Aureo de Castro, arrived in the ss Tai Loy early this morning to participate in the celebrations commemorating Prince Henry the Navigator organised by the local Portuguese community.

The group will give a concert at the Wah Yan College, Waterloo-road, Kowloon this afternoon.

## EARTH COOLIE TO STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER

A 27-year-old earth coolie, Sui Wan, was committed for trial on a charge of murder by Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Causeway Bay Court this morning at the Criminal Sessions.

## Rare literary work will go on display

Rare editions of the work of the eighteenth century English literary giants will be on view at the University of Hongkong tomorrow morning from 10.30 until 12.30.

The books have been collected by Professor Edmund Blunden over many years, and by Mr A. Hardie, Lecturer in the English Department.

Professor Blunden will give a short introductory address tomorrow and there will be readings from some of the books. In the collection are an early copy of Swift's "Gulliver's Travels", a third edition of Boswell's Life of Johnson, 1790 and an early edition of Dr Johnson's Rasselas.

#### PERIODICALS

A set of periodicals of the eighteenth century—the Spectator, Tatler and Johnson's Rambler and Idler will be on show, as well as facsimiles of eighteenth century illustrations. "The Young Lady's pocket library or Parental Monitor," a charming and elegantly bound edition of 1790 is one of the exhibits. It was published by C. Bathurst, who states that also available is "the complete collection of gentle and ingenious conversations according to the most polite mode now used at Court."

## Triad man sent to jail

A triad man, who collected fees for protecting a young student from being assaulted in the Bay View area by triad "toddies", was sent to prison for a year by Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Magistrate's Court this morning.

The defendant, Chui Thau-kwan, 28, unemployed of 16 Queen's-road East, second floor, was also ordered to be placed under police supervision for two years.

#### THREE INSTALLMENTS

Detective Sub-Inspector R. G. Laurel said that defendant was arrested by personnel of the Triad Squad, Eastern, at 9.15 pm on December 13 when he admitted being a member of the Tung Hing Luen Triad Society which he joined some time in 1950.

The police produced a young student who stated that he had given Chui \$24.20 in three installments as protection fee from being assaulted by triad "toddies".

## Russian refugees leave

A group of nine Russian refugees from China left here today by Swissair to re-settle in homes in France and Belgium.

The group, consisting of eight women and one man, had arrived in the Colony between November 24 and December 12, from Harbin, North Manchuria, by rail.

The youngest member of the group was Mrs Matrena Sarayva, 62, who will re-settle in France, and the oldest member was Mrs Evdokia Suhova, 70, who will be settled in a home in Belgium.

## Coolie gets 3 months for assault

A coolie, who pleaded guilty to a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, was sentenced to three months' jail by Mr Derek Conn at Central Court this morning.

Yeung Sing, 25, residing on board a junk No. CB244Y at Yaumatei Typhoon Shelter, was alleged to have assaulted and caused bodily harm to Chu Chiu-kit on December 10 aboard a junk moored alongside Connaught-road Central.

Detective Sub-Inspector D. G. McNeil, prosecuting, told the court that defendant was employed as a coolie on board a junk and the complainant, a wharf coolie, they knew each other for four years.

#### WOODEN BLOCK

In the afternoon of December 10, defendant went on board a junk moored near Waterfront Police Station. He picked up a wooden block and struck complainant on the head, DSI McNeil said.

As a result, the complainant was taken to hospital where he was detained for three days.

Defendant surrendered himself to the Waterfront Police Station later in the day, DSI McNeil said.

## UN director

Mr Suphamongkhon Konit, Acting Director-General, United Nations Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will arrive from Bangkok on Japan Air Lines tomorrow en route for New York.

From the Filos

25 years AGO

December 1935

PAN American Airways officials in San Francisco believe that a regular mail service to Macao would be established beginning with the third or fourth trip to the Orient of the China Clipper which is at present back in Alameda, California.

The statement was made after it had been announced in Lisbon that the Government had authorised Macao officials to enter into a contract with Pan-American Airways to establish an air mail service there.

Macao's selection was probably because of the fact that Canton did not offer suitable landing facilities.

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More than 2,000 students took part in a patriotic demonstration in Peking yesterday, distributing handbills opposing the autonomous movement in North China, denouncing Japanese imperialism and urging resistance by China.

Four hundred students including 200 girls besieged the headquarters of the Ministry of War, General Ho Ying-ching, shouting "Death to Chinese traitors!" Japan's intervention against the demonstrators was narrowly avoided.

The Japanese Military Attache protested against the anti-Japanese nature of the demonstrations and police and troops were called out to suppress the students which they did with a good deal of brutality.

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THE Government proposes to amend the Gambling Ordinance and those who like pitting their wits against legal obscurantism have perhaps noted with mild interest that the law is being made more effective against gaming establishments," said the Morning Post in an editorial.

"It has apparently been discovered that betting shops may flourish here, and with an exhibition of anxiety, which is no doubt highly commendable, Government hastens to close the breach. If people must sin, let them sin according to the law."

The Morning Post added: "In a Colony not remarkable for its morality it is well that Government maintains a sharp vigilance; and since the many social problems of the colony defy regulation and reform, it is no doubt necessary to find other employment for the Crown's law officers."



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## CONSCIENCE MONEY? dear sir

As usual, your comment is timely—the one on "An Idea for Christmas," but you might enlarge the subject and make one or two additional suggestions for greedy forgers to salvage their conscience, those selfish individuals who have no thought for anyone but themselves at this Season of Goodwill.

Everyone is buying presents to give to friends and relatives and receiving them in return, and all will sit down to sumptuous dinners with the

good things of life which is as it should be at this time of the year when we celebrate the greatest event in world history, the birth of One Whose mission in life on earth was to show love and kindness to all, particularly to the poor and little children.

If each party costs, say \$300, which is a big party amount, and may be regarded as the average small family's outlay, and if each party would contribute a ten per cent of its cost towards some deserving charity, the less well worldly-endowed would be able to share in the rejoicing of the occasion and would appreciate the meaning of the celebration when they themselves are also made happy in memory of Him Who loves all alike without exception, but more particularly the poor for their sufferings which life has laid upon them.

Christmas today has lost its true meaning, and is no longer a period for Christians to ponder over the importance of the occasion, or to recall the significance of it. The oft-mouthing expression "Peace on Earth, Goodwill towards Men" has come to be regarded as hypocrisy, like the merchant who prays for his daily bread and then immediately raises the price of corn.

In the world today there is neither peace on earth, or

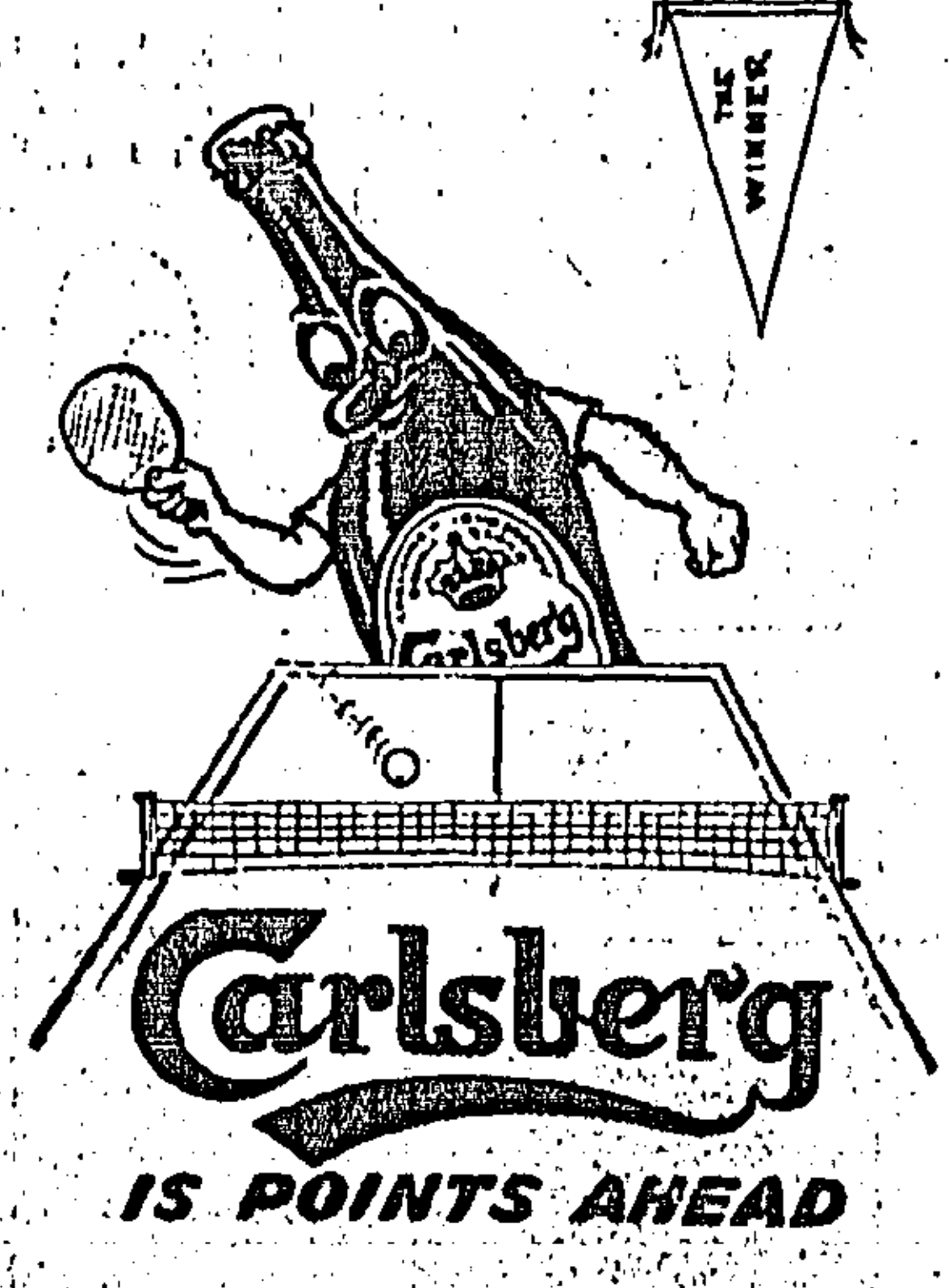
anywhere, for that matter, not goodwill towards anyone, and the mere singing of these meaningless phrases, though heart-warming, does not alter the fact.

Nevertheless, anyone interested in providing some happiness for the abjectly poor should be given every encouragement, and our newspapers might take up a fund-raising campaign by opening their doors to receive donations and contributions in money or in kind for distributions to institutions for providing their "clients" with some Christmas cheer.

A ten per cent of cost of each party for contribution to a charitable institution should save the conscience of the merry-makers and they will find it less difficult to digest their rich foods. Let's call it conscience money for want of a better name, and if party-givers agree to this idea of paying tithes, then let's encourage them to be extravagant, for the more they spend the more the poor will benefit by the ten per cent they will receive as the crumbs from the rich man's table.

Now, then, let someone start the ball rolling. We can "MAIL" it to the "PORT," or "POST" it to the "MAIL" as "Treasurers."

GREASED TURKEY.



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